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Peiping Dispute Stiffens

After failure of all negotiations on the spot, the dispute arising from the incident in which United States marines were detained by Japanese gendarmes after an incident in a Peiping cabaret, has been transferred to Washington and Tokyo.

This interpretation has been placed on a statement issued by Colonel Turnage, the Commanding Officer of the United States Marine Embassy Guard in Peiping.

The statement reads: "I have received instructions to confine my future action solely to the receipt of apologies from the Japanese authorities."—Reuter.

BULGARIA STORY NOT CONFIRMED

A report, broadcast from New York by the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation, that German troops will march into Bulgaria very shortly is still without confirmation from other sources.

The report said that Bulgaria had accepted a Nazi ultimatum presented by Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop on Saturday. The Bulgarian press, under German pressure, has been giving a very pro-German view of the war during the past few days, and British successes have been concealed.

Nevertheless, it is felt in London that there is reason to believe that many Bulgarians who remember the last war are not inclined to trust German promises or to yield to German threats.—Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS OFF

Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is to act as President Roosevelt's personal representative in Eastern Europe, is expected to leave for England by Clipper yesterday morning.—Reuter.

SPEED THE WAR DRIVE

A spectacular new "Speed the War" drive is disclosed in an official announcement from Number Ten Downing Street, issued last night.

The Prime Minister has instituted four committees to "obtain more rapid and more decisive action."

One committee will push production. A second will control imports.

The third, under Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, will study post-war production, paving the way for the Ministry of Reconstruction "when the end can more clearly be foreseen."

Each of these three committees will be composed of Cabinet Ministers—experts on the various problems—and the chairmen will sit on a fourth committee, responsible to the Prime Minister and the War Cabinet and able swiftly to co-ordinate all decisions.—Reuter.

PERSONAL ROOSEVELT TRIUMPH

Seldom if ever has President Roosevelt spoken so plainly to Congress and the country on foreign affairs as he did in his report on the state of the nation yesterday.

In so doing, he achieved a personal triumph such as was never possible in his "fire-side chat."

Enthusiastic Congressmen and the public in the galleries applauded him time and time again.

No seat in the Chamber was vacant.

Among the diplomats present were the British Charge d'Affaires and the Minister and Ambassadors from South Africa, Norway, Argentina, Poland, China, Switzerland, Finland and Portugal. No representatives of Germany or Italy were noticeable.—Reuter.

Dramatic Story Revealed on Arrival At Gibraltar

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Gibraltar)

HOW A WELSH cargo steamer outwitted, outfired, disabled and possibly sank a U-boat was thrillingly described to me yesterday.

The cargo steamer is the Sarastone. She fought a long engagement with the U-Boat, finally leaving her with smoke and yellow fumes pouring out, showing that the German craft had been hit seriously and damaged.

The Sarastone was, in an Atlantic convoy when acute boiler trouble caused her to reduce speed to two knots.

The convoy went on and Captain John Herbert, of the Sarastone decided to make his way to Lisbon.

Two days later, on the afternoon of December 22, the Nazi submarine was seen coming to the surface about three miles away.

Captain Herbert continued to move slowly and apparently the submarine could not perceive the vessel's movement, for it approached from astern. When about two miles away, the submarine opened fire with light guns and the Sarastone's 12-pounder gun defiantly barked back, but her shells fell short.

The submarine was seen to be bringing a heavy gun to bear on the Sarastone when another shell from the merchant ship burst under the heavy gun putting it out of action.

Hit Aft

A light gun duel then followed, until one of the Sarastone's shells hit the submarine aft, and the Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow fumes coming from their adversary.

The U-boat continued to fire light guns and pompoms from the bridge while the Sarastone fired 27 rounds.

Then the freighter's crew realised that the submarine had stopped firing.

The Sarastone then went on her way completely unscathed to warm Lisbon, leaving the crippled submarine behind.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN VICHY

Admiral Leahy, American Ambassador to Marshal Petain, has arrived in Vichy and is expected to see Petain either to-day or on Wednesday.—Reuter.

THAILAND BORDER FIGHTING

Continued fighting on the Indo-Chinese frontier with Thailand is reported from Vichy.

It is announced that a strong Thai reconnaissance column was counter-attacked on Friday by French troops and withdrew after having sustained losses.

On Saturday, Thai artillery shelled Bannapaksoum, 47 miles

ONLY 400 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

It is learned from authoritative quarters in London that the total of Australian casualties in the storming of Bardia did not exceed four hundred.—Reuter.

BELGIANS IN KENYA ON OFFICIAL VISIT

It is announced from Nairobi that the Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, M. Pierre Ryckmans, and the General Officer Commanding the Belgian Congo forces, have arrived there on an official visit with the Belgian Minister of the Colonies, M. de Vleeschauwer.—Reuter.

south-east of Sauannakket. The French carried out reprisals on Kenmarat.—Reuter.

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AMY JOHNSON FEARED KILLED

Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman who was the first woman to complete a fight from London to Australia and back, is reported missing.

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, which service she joined early in the war.

Something happened to her machine over the Thames Estuary and it dived into the sea.—Reuter.

Later, Amy Johnson, it is now revealed, baled out of her plane, but an R.A.F. speedboat failed to find her, although her flight authorisation papers from the machine were discovered.—Reuter.

"FIRE DOWN BELLOT"

During a recent raid on the docks at Le Havre bomb after bomb was dropped on the various basins—the Maree, de la Citadelle, Bellot and de l'Ilure.

Wreckage was hurled into the air and docks and quays were left ablaze. As one pilot afterwards remarked: "It was a case of 'Fire down Bellot'."

REMARKABLE INCIDENT OFF LIBYA COAST

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The British Navy Forces In The Mediterranean)

A BRITISH SERGEANT and eight men, captured on Christmas Day outside Bardia, turned the tables on their captors by battering them down in a hatch when the 100-ton Italian schooner in which they were being taken to Tobruk, was intercepted by an Australian destroyer. The men are now back in the desert.

It was in the middle of a dark and stormy night of December 29 that the Destroyer intercepted the schooner "Zingarella" as she tried to creep along the Lybian coast with 100 Italian soldiers and 15 naval ratings on board together with their much prized captives from a famous British regiment.

This is how the schooner was captured.

The Australian destroyer was patrolling off the coast when a small vessel was sighted about 2 a.m.

The destroyer eased towards her, firing one round across her bows, whereupon she hove to.

The destroyer brought her searchlights into play from close range disclosing the Italians hopping about the deck, frantically waving shirts and caps and shouting "prigionieri inglesi" (British prisoners).

There was little need to indicate there were British prisoners aboard because at the sound of the destroyer's shot the British sergeant and his eight companions, guessing help was at hand, dashed up the ladder from below deck and quickly battered down 100 Italians in the hatch below.

Three Stripes

As both ships rolled in the rough sea, the destroyer's captain said he caught glimpses of the upturned face of Italians through the slits in the hatch. Then he saw the sergeant's three stripes clearly visible as he bounded to the deck

assuming control from the unresisting deck guards.

The sea was too rough for the destroyer to go alongside or to lower a boat, so from a distance of 20 yards, the Captain shouted through a megaphone "Follow me" to which the British sergeant answered "I'll see to that, Sir."

In a signal to shore informing the authorities of the capture, the Captain said: "The army now have the situation well in hand with 100 Italians down below. I am making a good three knots but she is no ocean greyhound."

Roles Reversed

Thus, with the role of the captors reversed, the party arrived at Sollum, the soldiers none the worse for their trip, except for being very hungry—they had had only a small piece of brown bread and very little maccaroni with one pint of water daily to be shared among them.

They said the Italians were apparently so pleased at capturing them that no less than four generals came to look at them before they were shipped off on their abortive trip to Tobruk.—Reuter.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN THE WESTERN DESERT—A well camouflaged heavy gun. (Copyright, Fox).

ITALY'S HOLD ON LIBYA SHAKEN TO FOUNDATIONS

(By Col. T. A. Lowe, Reuter's Military Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH THE FALL of Bardia was fully expected, the magnitude of the victory in its rapidity, the number of prisoners captured and the smallness of the casualties suffered, could hardly be foreseen.

Italy's hold on Libya is now shaken to its foundations and her hold on Abyssinia is precarious.

The very poor fighting qualities shown by the Italian Army emphatically proves that the hearts of her soldiers are not in this war.

So large a proportion have surrendered that it is impossible not to believe that this lack of spirit is not merely local. It must be widespread throughout the whole army in Libya and perhaps is prevalent throughout the whole Italian army.

resources, for the tribes have been cruelly treated by the Italians and drive from their homes. They will rise and attack every unprotected home.

New Vistas

The position of all the ports and aerodromes along the Libyan coast are of such importance to the British Navy and Air Force that their capture should be the first objective. With these in British hands, the command of the Mediterranean will be yet more firmly established and the free passage of supplies by sea from the East will be regained.

At the same time, Britain will be installed in a position from which further attacks on Italy could be conceived and carried out.

It would be a mistake to detach troops from Libya to attack Abyssinia. That country can await its fate, but it will not have to wait long for there is a storm gathering.—Reuter.

Resistance Doubtful

There is now nothing to prevent General Wavell from moving forward at once to Tobruk. General Wavell will meet with no resistance until he arrives at this port and it is doubtful whether Tobruk would offer any real resistance after what has happened to Bardia. In fact, it is becoming doubtful if the Italians in Libya are capable of offering any further strong resistance, and I should not be surprised to see Tobruk fall within a week.

Reports say that 500 German planes and 10,000 German soldiers are collected in Southern Italian ports in readiness to reinforce Libya.

It is too late and it can be regarded as a bluff.

The planes on their arrival would find their aerodromes already hammered and exposed to constant attack. If the Germans attempted to move ten thousand soldiers by sea their fate would be a watery grave.

British Strategy

British strategy will probably be directed now to driving the Italians out of Libya altogether before turning to any other object.

Besides having to oppose the British advance, General Graziani will have to detach a number of troops to protect Italian colonies spread out in detached camps along the northern coast. This may prove a strain on his

WHY HE JOINED

This is how one German bomb, dropped indiscriminately on London, "affected the morale of the civilian population."

A young man, who described himself as "a bit of a pacifist" went home from work one day to find that a bomb had destroyed his home. His mother and his sister had been killed.

Next day that young man was at a Royal Air Force recruiting depot. He had only one request to make—that he should be taken as an air gunner.

He got his wish. To-day he is at a training camp, and when he is asked why he chose the job of an air gunner, he speaks of his bombed home and says: "I want to get after the go-go and so's your father."

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Three Cardinal Points Of United States Policy Committed To Full Support Of Democratic Fight

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED SPEECH SINCE PRESIDENT WILSON'S HISTORIC DECLARATION OF WAR IN 1917, YESTERDAY REPORTED TO A PACKED 77TH CONGRESS ON THE STATE OF THE NATION.

President Roosevelt declared that he was addressing Congress at a moment unprecedented in the history of the Union because at no previous time had American security been as seriously threatened from without as it was now.

After reviewing American history since 1789, President Roosevelt said: "We should remember that peace in 1919 was far less unjust than the kind of 'pacification' which began even before Munich and which was being carried out under the 'new order of tyranny' that seeks to spread over every country today.

"The American people have unalterably set their faces against that. The democratic way of life is at this moment being directly assailed in every part of the world — assailed whether by arms or by the secret spreading of poisonous propaganda by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in the nations still at peace.

"During 16 months, this assault has blotted out the whole pattern of life in an appalling number of independent nations, great and small. Our assailants are still on the march, threatening other nations, great and small.

"As your President, performing my constitutional duty to give Congress information on the state of the Union, I find it necessary to report that the future safety of our country and our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders.

Defence Of Democracy

"The armed defence of democratic existence is now being gallantly waged in four continents. If that defence fails, all populations and all resources in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia will be dominated by the conquerors."

Declaring that it was immature, and incidentally untrue, for anybody to brag that unprepared America, single-handed and with one hand tied behind its back, could hold off the whole world, President Roosevelt gave warning that no realistic American could expect international generosity, the return of independence, world disarmament, or even good business from a dictator's peace.

"We must always be wary of those who, with sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, preach the 'ism' of appeasement."

British Navy

"We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American eagle in order to feather his own nest. There is much loose talk about immunity from direct invasion from across the seas. Obviously, as long as the British navy retains its power no such danger exists.

"Even if there were no British navy, it is improbable that any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles of ocean until he had acquired strategic bases wherefrom to operate."

Great Responsibility

President Roosevelt proceeded: "As long as the aggressor nations maintain the offensive they, and not we, will choose the time, place and method of their attack.

That is why the future of all the American republics is today in serious danger.

That is why every member of

the executive branch of Government and every member of Congress faces a great responsibility and a great accountability."

Declaring that American national policy in foreign affairs was based on decent respect for the rights and dignity of all nations, large and small, and that the justice of morality would win in the end, President Roosevelt condensed his policy into three points:

First, by an impressive expression of the public will without regard to partisanship, the United States is committed to all-inclusive national defence.

Full Support

Second, similarly the United States is committed to full support of all those resolute peoples everywhere who are resisting aggression, thereby keeping the war away from this hemisphere.

Third, the United States is committed to the proposition that the principles of morality and considerations of her own security would never permit her to acquiesce in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers."

The President declared that he was not satisfied with the progress thus far made in production and quicker and better results must be obtained. They were behind schedule in turning out finished aeroplanes, but ahead in building warships.

"I shall ask Congress for greatly increased new appropriations and new authorisations to carry on what we began and for authority for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual war with aggressor nations." — *Reuters*.

America's Role

President Roosevelt added: "Our most useful role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need our manpower.

"They do need billions of dollars worth of weapons of defence. The time is near when they will not be able to pay in ready cash.

"We cannot and will not tell them they must surrender because of their present inability to pay for weapons which we know they must have.

I do not recommend that we make them a loan of dollars with which to pay for these weapons — loans to be repaid in dollars.

"I recommend we make it possible for those nations to continue to obtain war materials in the United States by fitting their orders into our own programme.

Vitally Concerned

"Nearly all their material, would, if the time ever came, be useful for our own defence. For what we send abroad we shall be repaid within reasonable time following the close of hostilities in similar materials or, at our own option, in other goods which they can produce and which we need.

"Let us say to democracies 'We Americans are vitally concerned in your defence of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, resources and organising powers to give you strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you ever increasing numbers of ships, planes, tanks and runs. This is our purpose and pledge."

No Intimidation

"In fulfilment of this purpose we will not be intimidated by the threats of the dictators that they will regard as a breach of international law and as an act of war our aid to the democracies which dare resist their aggression.

"Such aid is not an act of war even if a dictator should unilaterally proclaim it so to be.

When the dictators are ready to make war on us they will not wait for an act of war on our part.

They did not wait for Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands to commit an act of war. Their only interest is in a new one-way international law which lacks mutuality in its observance and therefore becomes an instrument of oppression."

All Sacrifices

Declaring all must be prepared to make the sacrifices which the emergency demanded, President Roosevelt said, in his budget message, that he would recommend that a greater portion of the defence programme should be paid for from taxation than was being paid at present.

No person should try or be allowed to get rich from this programme.

In future days, they would look forward to four essential human freedoms—freedom of speech and expression everywhere, freedom of and right to God in their own way everywhere, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Unity Of Purpose

The President concluded: "This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads and hearts of millions of free men and women and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God.

"Freedom means supremacy of man's rights. Everywhere our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or to keep them. Our strength is in our unity of purpose. To that high conception there can be no end save victory." — *Reuters*.

"DADDY-LONG-LEGS HAMM"

The Captain of an aircraft recently operating against the much-bombed Hamm said that from a good height those great railway yards are "like a Daddy-long legs."

The body is composed of about 12 railway tracks, while single tracks, placed more or less where the wings or legs would be, jut out in half a dozen directions.

"These single tracks," he said, "end the body of Hamm, which is usually choc-a-bloc with supply trains. As soon as we have hit it the repair gangs, who have probably taken up permanent residence, come on the scene. It must be heartbreaking for them to see all their good work blown to pieces.

"I was over this familiar territory three nights ago while other formations were keeping Berlin awake, and judging by results Hamm ought to be in a poor way to-day. We dropped a flare soon arriving, had almost as soon as it had left the aircraft the German guns came into action.

"Some of them were trained on us, and others seemed to be bent on destroying the flare before we had been able to get a really good view of the target. Machine and flare both survived the ordeal.

"We made our run and saw the bombs burst in line on the North East corner of the yard. The first hit the second track, the second hit the fourth track, the third struck close to the ninth track and the fourth hit the edge of the 'body' of Hamm near one of the legs.

"Whilst we circled round to see the result, my gunner concentrated on some searchlights, and it was not long before 10 or 12 fires sprang up one after another, followed by explosions. For about 10 minutes the sky was filled with flashes, a sure indication that a supply train, possibly full of am-

END IN VIEW

Fighter pilots do not always see their adversary's final crash—they are often too busy dealing with other raiders to worry about what happens once they have sent an enemy diving away out of control, or on fire. But one Spitfire pilot recently had a rare sight after a big battle. He saw three enemy machines down within a mile or two of each other in a lonely marsh in Kent.

The pilot attacked a damaged Heinkel 111 bomber and saw it land in a field on its belly.

"I saw a crew of three get out," he said. "They seemed uninjured and stood chatting near the tail of their machine. Another enemy aircraft was burning fiercely about a quarter of a mile away, south of the Heinkel. A mile to the east I could see another one burning."

Another Spitfire pilot got a close-up of a falling Dornier, which he had destroyed, by being forced into a vertical spin to avoid being shot down himself by a Messerschmidt.

"When I pulled out," he said, "I saw three parachutes drifting down above me, rather separated. To my starboard I saw the Dornier coming down in flames. It crashed into the wood north-east of Maidstone.

Having watched both Dornier and airmen to the ground, at points 10 miles apart, he flew home.

Munition, had been on the line. "We left the area minus all our bombs and some thousands of rounds of machine-gun bullets."

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OPERATIONS BEGIN AGAINST TOBRUK

NEWS THAT OPERATIONS have begun against Tobruk, which is hailed with great satisfaction in both London and Cairo, shows that British mobility and power to attack has not been affected by the whirlwind onslaught which resulted in the fall of Bardia.

Conjectures as to the next move, and the possibility of an Italian counter-attack, were the subject of comment by a London military correspondent yesterday.

An effective counter-attack, he says, can only come from Tobruk and General Wavell will obviously have taken all necessary precautions. Such an attack, in view of the speed of the British advance, seems increasingly remote.

General Wavell has surprised the Italians often, the correspondent continued, and he may decide to take advantage of the nerve-shattered condition of the Italians as a result of Bardia.

Nearly 70,000 Italians have surrendered in the Western Desert operations so far, and this does not include the unknown number of casualties. It seems likely, however, that Marshal Graziani has lost practically a third of his original force, which has been estimated to be around 250,000.

The Western Desert operations will probably have a marked effect on the morale of the Italian troops in East Africa.

An Italian communiqué yesterday mentioned action by British naval units off the East African coast.

Grave Peril

A correspondent who visited Bardia said that he was approached by three Italian generals with their hands in the air, wanting to surrender.

Speaking of the Australian troops, he said:—

"They looked terrifying with their tin helmets over their balaclava hats!"

Another correspondent says that the Italian position in Eastern Libya is now in grave peril.

A report from Cairo says that the Italian air force has been compelled to withdraw from a number of advance striking bases, and now seem to be operating from fields chiefly west of Tobruk.

It is understood that some airfields in the Tobruk area have already been occupied by our forces and may be in use by our bombers. — Reuter.

"THANKS FOR THE LIFT"

A motorist who frequently gives pedestrians a lift in these days of transport uncertainty has thought of a way to increase the number of beneficiaries from his action.

He has placed in a prominent position in the car a collecting box labelled "R.A.F. Comforts Fund".

His passengers seem to welcome the hint and many leave in the boxes which represent their usual fare.

The result is a welcome addition to the fund, which provides wool for knitting parties as well as games, books, tobacco, and other comforts for the R.A.F.

Motorists who think of adopting the same idea can earmark their collection for tobacco or wool if they choose or leave it to be devoted to the general fund. The donations will in any case be well spent in a worthy cause, the needs of which are constantly growing with the rapid expansion of the Royal Air Force. When these collections reach a reasonable sum they may be sent to the Officer in Charge, Royal Air Force Comforts, 20, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

FLYING SQUADS FOR R.A.A.F.

Instead of recruits for the Royal Australian Air Force coming in from remote country districts to central recruiting centres the Air Force now goes to the men.

Since the summer "flying squads" of recruiting officers from the capital and mobile recruiting centres have been touring the Commonwealth to look for air crews and fitters, the recruits most needed by the R.A.A.F.

The squads travel from town to town, spending about a week in each and interviewing as many candidates as present themselves during that time. When the flying squad moves on to the next town it leaves behind a voluntary committee of local business and professional men which it has set up to carry on the work. These Committees form permanent local recruiting centres and can deal with all new applications from the district as they arise.

Over 60 towns, in all the States of the Commonwealth, are covered by the scheme.

KING FAROUK'S CONGRATULATIONS

KING FAROUK OF EGYPT HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MIDDLE EAST.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, who is at present at Luxor with the King, yesterday telephoned General Wavell, expressing the King's great satisfaction at the British victory.

Enthusiasm is expressing itself everywhere in Egypt at the second British victory within a month. — Reuter.

Rome Silent On Events

ITALIAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN ROME YESTERDAY CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE RETICENCE ABOUT THE FALL OF BARDIA.

They admit that fierce fighting was in progress there on Sunday, but are withholding the truth from the people.

Broadcasting in English, one Italian speaker said:—
"The British operations have been a complete fiasco!"

He gave no hint about the loss of guns, tanks and other war material worth, according to one observer, many millions of pounds Sterling. — Reuter.

TIMES FALL IN SEA

With cool precision, a fighter pilot made mental notes of his instrument readings and of the exact time before his Spitfire plunged into the sea.

Peering through smoke from his damaged engine, he checked up on his altimeter, oil pressure, and radiator. A few minutes later he was struggling to free himself under water. He broke surface and struck out for a lightship, the position of which he had noted as he was coming down.

The Spitfire pilot had shot down an enemy aircraft. As it fell crashing to the sea it missed the Spitfire's starboard wing tip by about six feet. Meanwhile the wind screen of the Spitfire had become covered with black oil.

"Then my radio-telephone became silent and the engine began to belch white smoke," the pilot reported. "In about 45 seconds the engine ceased."

"I looked at the altimeter, which was reading 4,000 ft., oil pressure nil and the radiator temperature about 200 deg. As I could see a lightship below," (the pilot gives its position and number) "I decided to land on the water. I landed at 1727 hours, 200 yards South East of the lightship. The aircraft sank before I could release my harness, but I managed to free myself under water and swam towards the lightship."

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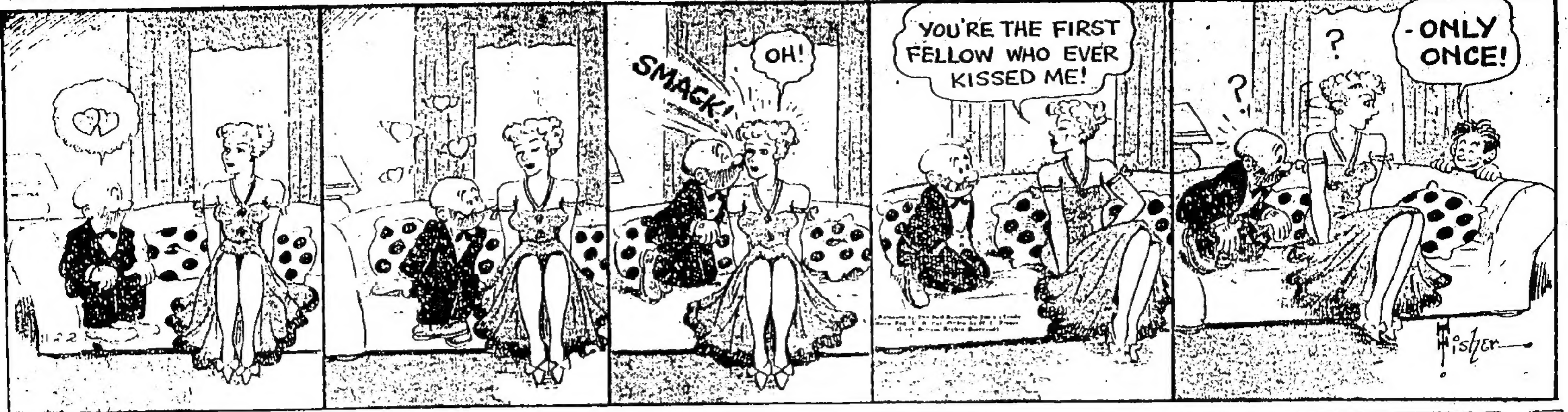
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Looking Down On Mont Blanc

Even in the midst of war man never seems to lose his appreciation of the beautiful. That is one of the curiosities of human nature. Recently, an R.A.F. pilot, having reported the details of his attack on the Fiat works at Turin, spent the rest of the day telling his companions in the Mess all about the magnificent view he had had of Mont

Blanc as he flew back over France.

He had set off from his base in England just as the moon was rising, and, though there were patches of cumulus cloud over the French coast and some fire from the German ground defences, inland the sky was clear and below all was quiet. When he reached the Alps there was a bright moon shining on the snow-covered slopes of the mountains. They looked beautiful, with Mont Blanc sticking up above the others. Its long summit three thousand feet below the pilot and lower still the sharp peaks of other mountains clustering around it.

"I have never seen a sight like it," the pilot said. "On our way back from Turin we were between the moon and the mountains, and I drew a picture in my log book of the lowering mass of Mont Blanc glistening even more sharply in the moonlight and standing out high above the cloud base below. It was the last memorable sight before our journey home, which was uneventful except for more 'flak' over the French coast. I hope it won't be long before I see that sight again."

That the journey means a non-stop flight of 1,600 miles is of no account.

BIRTH OF 8-GUN FIGHTER

About five years ago a specialist of the R.A.F. visited an aircraft factory — to discuss a secret specification drawn up by the Air Staff for a new type of single-seat fighter. It called for a speed and armament greatly in excess of anything then known. Six, or even eight, guns were the aim, and a speed around 350 m.p.h. It was to be a reply to the hordes of new fast bombers which Germany was known to be producing ready for her second attempt to dominate the world.

The creation of a new type of modern aircraft is a long and complex business. To get this projected new design on the drawing board, and then to make it and fly it, would mean many long months. A year or more would necessarily pass before the new machine could get beyond the prototype stage. Production stage would not be reached perhaps for two years more. Meanwhile Britain's existing fighters were actually slower than the new German bombers already in production.

At the works the Squadron-Leader was shown a new high speed monoplane fighter, developed and built as a private venture by the firm, the Supermarine Aviation Works (Vickers) Ltd., as it was then. It was planned for only four guns; and had a lower performance than that called for by the new specification. But it had all the makings of a first-class fighter which would put the R.A.F. back where it ended the war in 1918—on top. Could it be modified, the Squadron-Leader wondered? If so, precious months, perhaps years, would be saved.

Together with the designer, the famous R. J. Mitchell, who died three years ago, the problem was worked out. Yes, said Mitchell, it could be done. Back to the Air Ministry went the Squadron-Leader to urge the adoption and modification of the new aircraft. Then followed what Sir Archibald Sinclair has referred to as perhaps "one of the great decisions in the history of the war". The design was adopted and the first tentative order placed. The 8-gun Spitfire had been born.

Simultaneously, the aircraft firm of Hawkers had been asked to produce a fighter to the same specification. Here again it was a case of close cooperation between the Royal Air Force and the aircraft industry. A privately produced design, the 4-gun Hawker "Fury Monoplane" was taken as the basic design. The armament was doubled and changed to wing position; a more powerful engine was specified and other modifications were made. To Mr. Sydney Camm, Chief Designer of Hawker Aircraft Ltd., goes much of the credit of the job.

The result was the 8-gun Hurricane—a fine single-seat fighter which has shared with the Spitfire the honour of beating back the might of Goering's bombers.

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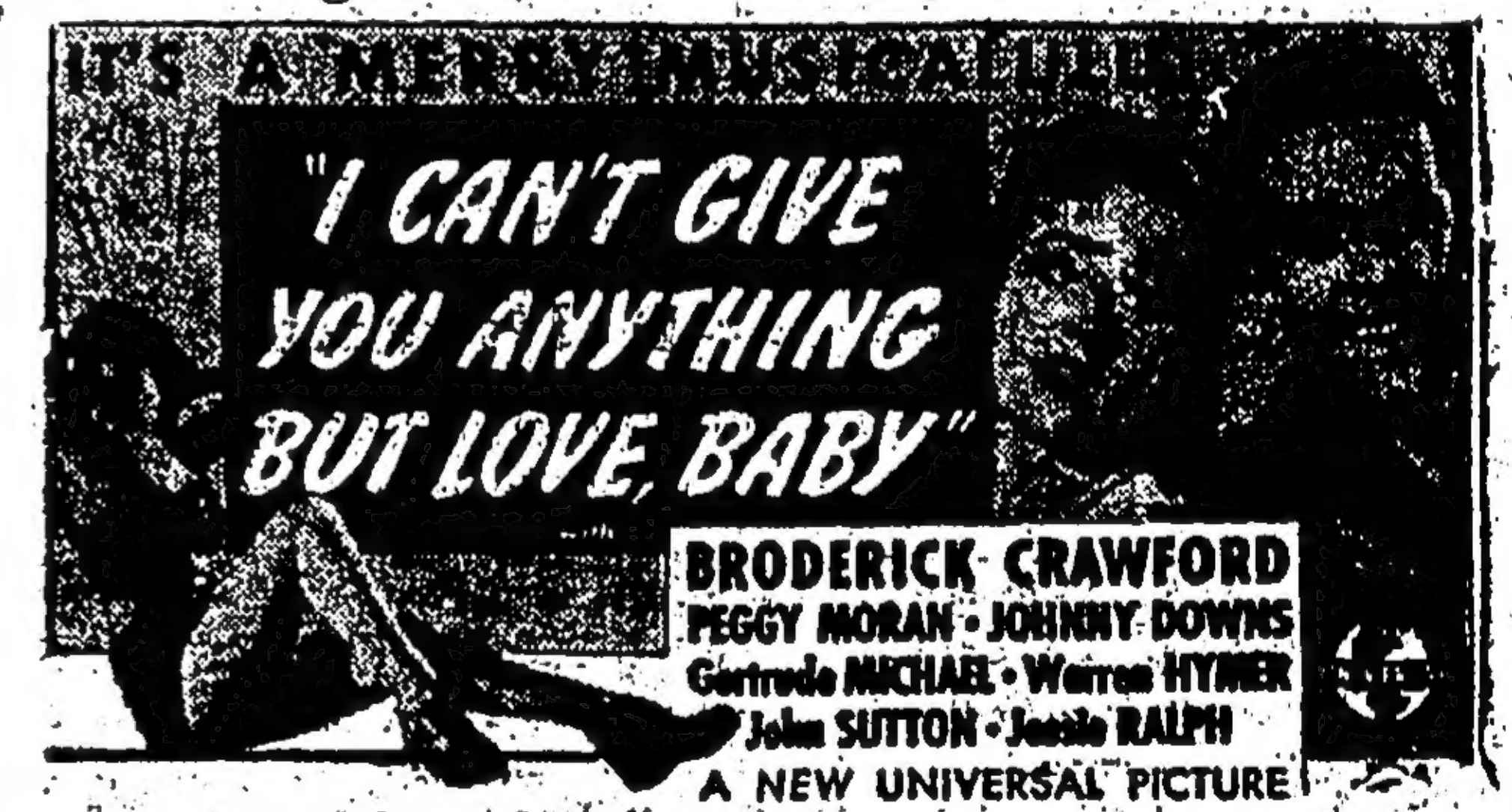
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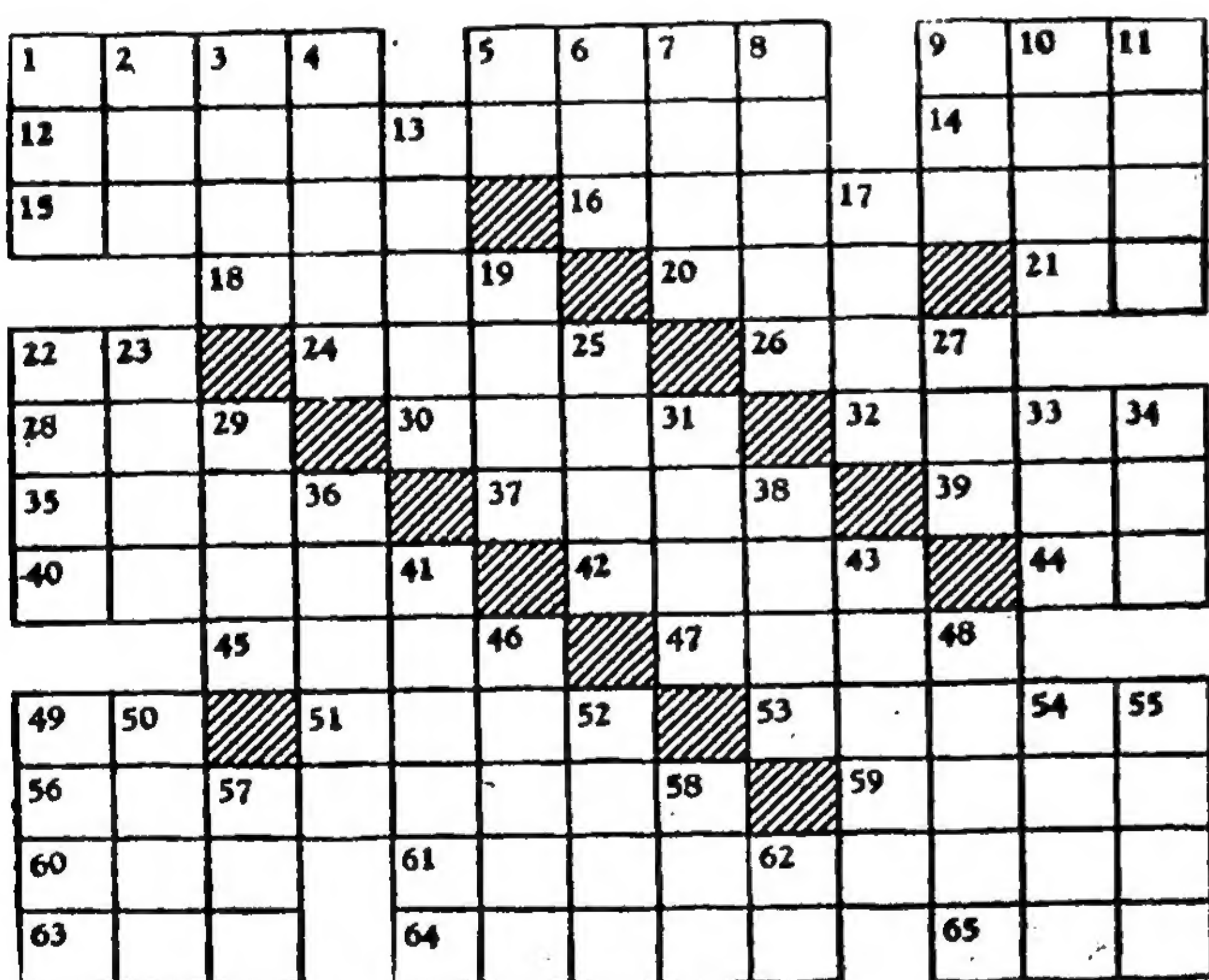
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- 20 High card
- 21 Pronoun
- 22 Concerning
- 24 To separate
- 26 To hesitate in speaking
- 28 Title of respect
- 30 Carbonic substance
- 32 Network
- 33 War god
- 37 To penetrate
- 39 High hill
- 40 To respond
- 42 Highlander's skirt
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Turkish coin
- 47 To trudge
- 49 Note of scale
- 51 Planet
- 53 Palm genus

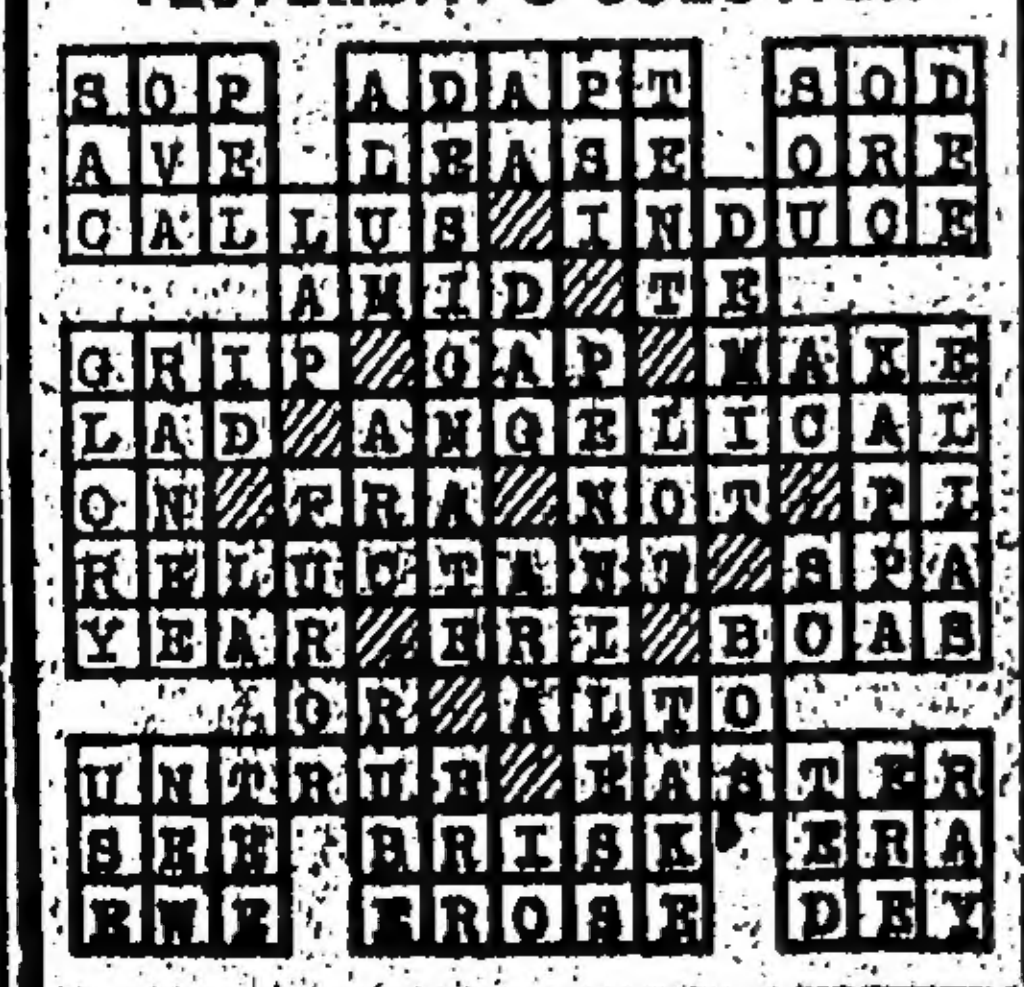
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- 2 Ember
- 3 To pack
- 4 Gathering
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- 8 To instruct

9 African antelope

- 10 Every
- 11 Fencing sword
- 13 Book of maps
- 17 Expensive
- 19 Amphibian
- 22 Glacial ridges
- 23 To discharge
- 25 Removed
- 27 Moist
- 29 To harvest
- 31 To stumble
- 33 To tug
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PIERRE--AN EPIC OF THE DESERT

BUSTLING IN AND OUT of a gracious, old-fashioned mansion in a Cairo suburb, every day are heroes of the most daringly romantic escapades of this machine-made war, writes a correspondent.

A brass plate on the door of the mansion says, Comite National Francais. On the arms of the men is the Cross of Lorraine.

I have met dozens of these men, who for freedom's sake have struggled through deserts and battled their way across perilous seas and hostile skies.

Some go on to join units fighting in the Western Desert. Others remain at headquarters where the growing staff keeps in touch with sympathisers from Stockholm to Shanghai.

The adventures they have had getting here are epic.

Vivid Adventure

Take the case of Pierre (I cannot give his surname, for his family are still in France).

He slipped across the Syrian border one evening to reach Palestine and got lost.

For 15 terrible days he wandered desperately in the stony, unscorched wilderness.

Twice friendly Bedouins gave him food and drink and sent him on his way. But never once did he consider retracing his steps.

Finally, with blackened skin and half demented by heat and thirst, he stumbled into a Palestine village and collapsed.

Now he is commanding a detachment for Free France.

Submarine's Trip

Then there is Jean, whom I first met flying back from Malta two months ago.

He is a submarine commander, and he managed to slip out of Tunis with his vessel some weeks after France's collapse. He weeded out the doubtful elements—mostly petty officers—and he made for Malta with a skeleton but reliable crew.

Puzzled British bombers flew out to inspect this strange submarine, but they held the attack until the commander managed to explain himself. Then they escorted him to Malta and freedom.

Almost the best is the story of Rene. He was a lieutenant of the Meharist Camel Corps in North Tchad, and in its first moment he wanted to join the Free French movement.

But superior officers wavered, and tried to persuade him to wait.

Tortured By Thirst

So Rene and three N.C.O.s with their camels set off on a 450-mile trek to Khartoum.

Tortured by thirst, blinded by the sun, and mocked by mirages, they made the journey, and the first news they heard when they stumbled into Khartoum was that Tchad had joined De Gaulle.

There was a message waiting for Rene to return immediately to take over an important post.

Dramatic Episode

Cyprus was the scene of another episode packed with drama. The first battalion of a French infantry regiment were stationed there, and when France collapsed the regiment's colonel came over from Syria, paraded the men, and delivered an harangue preaching loyalty to Vichy.

When he had finished there was dead silence for a couple of seconds. Then half the battalion broke spontaneously into the Marseillaise. That was their answer.

Those who sang are now in Egypt, and those who remained silent returned to Syria.

Vive La France

There are dozens more. Charles drove an armoured car clean across Syria from Aleppo, forcing every barricade, holding up every picket at the point of a rifle, and finally scorching through the frontier barrier into Palestine with shouts "Vive la France."

Maurice had to steal back his own magneto from the authorities, and clean up two machine-gun posts before he could fly his plane away from a Syrian airfield.

They come every day. Already the gracious old-fashioned mansion in the Cairo suburb is overflowing as its two predecessors overflowed.

Soon they'll have to find other quarters.

Already French units have been in action against the Italians in

CANARY'S SONG GUIDES RESCUERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Wedge in a crevice under twisted girders and a pile of wreckage, a canary in a battered cage sang its way to freedom and the freedom of nine raid victims who were trapped in a London tenement.

The trapped people were too exhausted to cry out, but the canary's merry notes guided wardens and A.F.S. workers, who altered the course of their tunnelling to the spot.

The result was that nine people were rescued alive, though six bodies were brought out a little later. It is thought that five more dead are still under the wreckage.

I stood on the pile of wreckage which a few hours before had constituted the home of some 30 people—happy workers living in houses which had been converted into flats.

While I was there a faint cry from another spot told the wardens that there was further life there. A few minutes later an A.F.S. man emerged carrying a little boy clothed only in a torn shirt and covered from head to foot in dust and grime. He had been in the wreckage for more than 10 hours. The boy grinned at me and whispered: "Can I have a warden to rescue me?"

Crypt Shelterers Escape

More than 500 people sheltering in the crypt of a London church were unhurt when a heavy bomb struck the side of the building and exploded in a pit. A woman standing in the street at a bus stop, however, was killed, and minor casualties were caused by flying glass.

The damage to the church it-

self is mainly superficial, but priceless stained-glass windows were shattered by the blast.

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AMERICAN FIREMEN AMAZED

By Londoners' Calm

Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, the London representative of the "Chicago Daily News," despatched the following cable to that newspaper:

Three New York firemen, Chief Daniel A. Deasy, of the Bronx Division; Chief Frederick G. T. Wedemeyer, of the Marine Division, and Fireman George T. J. Scott, of the New York City Fire Department, who have been sent to London by Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, to study how the London Fire Brigade fights the "blitz" fires, received the Press with much pomp and ceremony.

They are beginning their two months' investigations with great enthusiasm for the work of the London fire-fighters, and admiration at the calmness of the people during raids.

"Why there is more excitement in New York at a little fire than there is here at what the English call a 200-pump fire," Battalion Chief Deasy told us.

The pupils come to the master to learn, is the way he explained their visit to Britain.

He seemed more impressed with the efficiency of the rescue squads and firemen than with the air raids themselves. From his experience as a gunner in the last war he felt that London's barrage was pretty good.

Debris Clearance Speed

His views on the speed with which the debris of the raids is cleared seemed to surprise the majority of the British Pressmen present, whose main complaint is at the slowness of the authorities to mend bomb craters in the streets and to clear away the debris.

As tin hats are more essential in London to-day than the umbrella was formerly supposed to be, everyone wished to know if the New York firemen were equipped with the protection without which no one ventures out at night. Deasy said the Fire Brigade was giving them hats. They had asked at the American Embassy but had been told: "You go out with your soft hats and we will try to get you one."

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Strange Cargo

The strangest craft of all is that which has nothing else for cargo but a barrage balloon. These balloons, carried with the convoys have proved their worth time and time again in scaring off the dive bombers.

By courtesy of the R.A.F. Commanding Officer here, a Canadian wing commander with wings and medals of the last war on his tunic, I boarded several balloon barrage ships, the newest branch of the Navy, and a sea-going section of the R.A.F.

Three R.A.F. men go to sea with each of these balloon carriers; two crews consist chiefly of hardy fishermen.

Then we boarded a ferry barge that takes the balloons from the shore to their floating stations and back again. Formerly it carried ballast up and down the Thames.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

RUSSIA NEXT?

Some of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected. He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war. Stalin's obvious jumpiness and movements of the Red Army as a result of increasing German concentrations towards Eastern Europe may, therefore, not be altogether misdirected.

It has been taken rather for granted that German concentrations in Rumania represent the prelude to a move to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean with a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, or, alternatively an attack towards Salonika through Bulgaria.

However, neither Germany nor Russia has held forth much serious pretence that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable and, apart from M. Molotov's rejection of Nazi overtures a few weeks ago, there are many reasons why Hitler should turn his legions in the "Mein Kampf" direction—the Ukraine. The Ukraine is a land dripping with riches and fat; it would provide the Germany of Hitler with virtually all he wants both for military adventures and the purposes of peace.

Where inclination joins hands with advantage, the temptation to a man of Hitler's calibre may well be irresistible.

The uneasiness of Bulgaria and the confident belligerence of Turkey all suggest that Axis-Soviet relations are not of the happiest, that, in fact, Russian interest in the Balkans and especially in that historic focus of Russian aims and fears—the Dardanelles, is maintained. Even Ribbentrop-draped rainbows across the Himalayas failed to seduce Russia into co-operation in obtaining for Hitler a throttling grip on the Black Sea.

All to-day is, of course, speculation. The next Axis move may be in the direction of frightening Bulgaria away from her inclination towards Russia. It may be an attack on vulnerable Yugoslavia. It is almost certainly a shift of scene from the invasion port zones.

The Russian question mark will loom very largely until the next Nazi objective is disclosed by definite action.

As destruction by bombing goes on, reconstruction is in the air as well. Sir John Reith has been made Minister of Works and Building. A Cabinet Committee is discussing the New Model Britain of after the war, while the Government's Property Insurance Bill will supply the financial basis for projects of rebuilding. Only a year ago, all the members of a Royal Commission were agreed that some limit should be set to London's growth—and London holds the limelight now because the capital is both big and battered.

Two hundred and seventy-four years ago, London was burnt down. Then, the city was built again with all speed to restart its life and livelihood and to prevent the migration of its citizens beyond its boundaries. This time, the exodus from the centre of London has been going on for forty years already, and the main problems of life in the London area have arisen from the combination of sprawling residential suburbs and crowded work-places in the central districts. Rich market gardening land in the London basin has been obliterated by houses, while the most congested and complicated transport system in the world has been needed, not only to link Londoners with their work, but also to furnish their daily supplies.

Now the "Blitzkrieg" has undermined the monstrous artificiality of London. Under fire it has taken more ingenuity and resource to transport, supply and succour

the people of London than it would to provide for the entire population of most countries, if attacked. The task has been discharged with fair efficiency, often (some neutral observers say) because of, rather than in spite of, the lack of centralisation among public services, among independent electricity and gas works and competing dairies and other retail deliverers. There has been elasticity and lively improvisation. But the absolute dependence of London's millions upon distant supplies, and upon a close criss-cross of countless roads and railways stretching wearily for scores of miles, has not been helpful in the defence of Britain. And in many details, too, intensive bombing has given point to the claims of London's pre-war critics; rows of shoddy houses and lawdry tenements have given Goering's gallant airmen easy targets; and the confusion of narrow streets and the absence of broad, straight routeways have complicated both defence and communication.

Overcoming Difficulty

These difficulties have been partly overcome. But their abatement is a first item in any plan to remodel damaged London; this is a golden chance. This is not to say that the blue prints for a New Jerusalem are wanted—or relevant. In the Great Fire, most of existing London was burnt down, but even then it was not possible to replan and rebuild the city as a single project or archi-

tectural exercise. The story that Christopher Wren put in a grand design which was rejected is just a legend. Homeless Londoners were anxious to set up house and go to work again, and the city's rebuilding was simply the sum of the rehabilitation of many thousands of families and businesses. All the authorities would do was influence the pattern of restoration by enforcing building standards, by insisting upon brick or stone in place of timber and by banning overhanging houses and narrow streets.

London is still the sum of its citizens, their lives and their occupations. It exists for them, not they for its aesthetic appearance or efficient functioning. Nor is the damage done, or likely to be done, to London as great in proportion as that done by the Great Fire. There can be no Phoenix, because there are not enough ashes; and the first aim of reconstruction, now as then, must be pure utility—to keep London habitable and fit to work and travel in. This is surely the immediate task, not any airy sketching of the city that might have been erected on Thames-side had the design been given out as a single entity to tendering architects instead of evolving formlessly over more than a thousand years. It is a twofold task: to repair the ravages of raids; and to lay down, for the first time effectively, wise building standards—to see that the new buildings are better than the old, wherever possible, more healthy and more convenient, less

crowded and more decent to live in; and to see that streets are straighter and wider than they were.

What "Luftwaffe" Has Done

This is not to say that the planners who have for long deplored of London have no place in its mending. The raids have proved many of their points. It should never have been left to the Luftwaffe to tear down London's slums; and it has taken only a few bombs on traffic routes to show the crazy inconvenience of a development which has set the homes and workplaces of Londoners a day's march apart. Nor should it have needed the shock of bombing to demonstrate the inefficiency of a local separatism that has administered London from a host of town halls and public offices. Plans for elastic emergency transport facilities to carry people out to the inner rim of London, there to be borne off fanwise to their various homes, echo the neglected Bressey Plan for smoother traffic and new routeways for London.

Sir John Reith is not to be asked first to draw up, say, a five-year plan, though his office may indeed hold the germs of the National Planning Board that has long been sought to supervise and control the use of Britain's land. His job is immediate; Government building he will be able to control directly; private building he will be in a position to control because all such building is banned without licence—to eke out building materials and labour. It is an exercise in war economy, to make the best use of scarce resources. In the first place, houses that are needed must at least be made habitable and safe. In the second, public places and thoroughfares must be rendered swiftly usable. And all the time, no bricks or mortar, steel, cement or workmen must be drawn away from essential uses, from the erection of war factories or the construction of defence works.

Problems To Be Faced

To allocate building materials according to a strict schedule of priorities, and to mobilise every available hand for the work and on the sites on which labour is most needed—this is what is wanted to keep London and the other bombed towns as going concerns and to maintain the war effort unimpaired. At present there is delay and waste, houses and workplaces too long out of use, communications and public services too tardily repaired, roads blocked too long by debris. Every effort is being made within the existing frame of organisation to mend matters; there are two Special Commissioners for London to rehouse the homeless and to repair roads and services; and 5,000 soldiers are clearing away London's debris. But authority in the large bombed urban areas is split too small; there are too many Ministries and undertakings concerned; and the districts within which repair resources are singly apportioned are still too confined for speed and efficiency to be achieved. This is, or ought to be, Sir John Reith's duty—to remedy these deficiencies and to give direction and drive to the process of reconstruction.

Planners Are Right

But, in the end, the planners are right. It is quite plain now that London must never again develop as London has done in the past, that every new house or office, factory or street, can be better contrived than the old ones and that the simplification of London's economy must be a first charge upon the ingenuity of this next generation. The immediate task of repair must not, indeed, be obscured by dreams of a better city. But, if that repair is well and wisely done, there will be the beginnings of that city, and the work of Sir John Reith's new Ministry under fire may lay the foundations, in practice and in administration, for wider and more progressive work later on. Towns are places for people to live and work in. The object now is to enable them to live and work despite the bombs; the object, then, will be to make it possible for them to live and work healthily, happily, conveniently and efficiently. The one can, and should, lead to the other.

Hitler's Invasion Of United States

America has been the victim of an invasion: an invasion carefully planned and carried out by Adolf Hitler's agents.

It began long before the outbreak of war in Europe, but it has been allowed to develop in comparative secrecy largely because its two main weapons—espionage and propaganda—are not easy to expose.

Enough evidence has now been gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enable some of the facts to be put on record.

The revelations are disturbing to America; they should cause some concern at Britain's Ministry of Information.

The facts show that:

The Nazis have built up an amazingly efficient, widespread propaganda mill in America, directed by Germany's diplomatic and consular officials in Washington and New York;

German agents have been carrying out sabotage in factories making war materials for Britain and America;

Nazi commercial agents are successfully converting American business and financial interests to a policy of appeasement with Germany through the offer of "business advantages" for America in Europe if the Nazis win.

Four Aims

The objectives of Hitler's invasion of America are many:

(1).—To block American aid to Britain either by influencing public opinion—or by sabotage if necessary—but at any rate to stop American intervention in the war;

(2).—To prevent America building up adequate defences for herself in the shortest possible time;

(3).—To create internal dissension in the United States; and

(4).—To discredit democracy as a method of Government.

A variety of agencies have been employed to carry out the invasion.

Working on the sympathies of the seven million first and second-generation Germans in America are the Auslands Organisation—headed from Germany by Bradford-born Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, who still retains his British citizenship along with his German—and the Deutsches Auslands-In-

stitut in Stuttgart which floods America with propaganda.

Free News

The Transocean News Service, from its headquarters in New York, pushes Nazi-slanted news into the hinterland of the United States and South America, and gives its news-service for nothing if it cannot sell it.

The German Library of Information, a branch of the Nazi Consulate in New York, has 37 employees, and gets out such documents as "Polish Acts of Atrocity against the German Minority in Poland," and "Britain's Designs on Norway."

Its special pride is a weekly bulletin called "Facts in Review," which gives the official Nazi views on the war and politics, and goes out to several hundred thousand influential Americans.

Items from "Facts in Review" frequently find their way into small-town American newspapers, and even into nationally-known magazines.

More insidious are the activities of the German Railroads, Information Office in New York, which is headed by suave moustached Ernst Schmitz.

He has retained his full staff, although the British travel bureaux in New York closed at outbreak of war.

He subsidises, with advertisements, newspapers friendly to Nazism, and keeps his German superiors informed of the movements of British ships around New York for the benefit of U-boat commanders.

The German Embassy in Washington and the 24 consular posts throughout America are the most important cogs in the Nazi invasion machine.

Himmler's Spy

Under Nazism Germany's "diplomatic representation" has increased alarmingly. The New York Consulate, for example, now carries 110 on its pay-roll. In pre-Nazi days it never had more than 39.

The San Francisco office has 28. It used to have eight!

The personalities directing Hitler's invasion are typical of Nazi agents throughout the world.

Number One man is Captain Fritz Wiedemann, sinister-looking confidant of the Fuehrer, and his commanding officer in the last war, who directs Nazi interests from San Francisco.

Wiedemann selected a post on the west coast because he felt it was most ready for Nazi penetration.

Herbert Scholz, consul in Boston, is an intimate friend of Himmler, and keeps watch on the activities of other Nazi diplomats as a favour for the Gestapo chief.

Tall, handsome Wilhelm Tannenbergh, economic adviser at the German Embassy, and Schacht's mouthpiece in America, has the special assignment of making American businessmen appeasement-minded by dangling post-war deals with Germany before their eyes.

Baron Edgar Spiegel von und zu Peckelsheim, World War U-boat commander, watches American naval operations in the Gulf of Mexico from his post as New Orleans consul.

Official propagandist for the Nazis is Dr. Colin Ross, who interprets American reactions to his friend the Fuehrer.

Dr. Frederick Auhagen, another Nazi-American who considers himself an intellectual, presents the Nazi point of view at public functions and social gatherings.

Unofficial apologist for the Nazis is Karl von Weigand, pet foreign correspondent for William Randolph Hearst's newspapers.

While von Weigand was in Germany recently Hitler shrewdly gave him an exclusive interview, with the result that von Weigand is now presenting the Nazi case at as many social functions in New York as he can get invitations to.

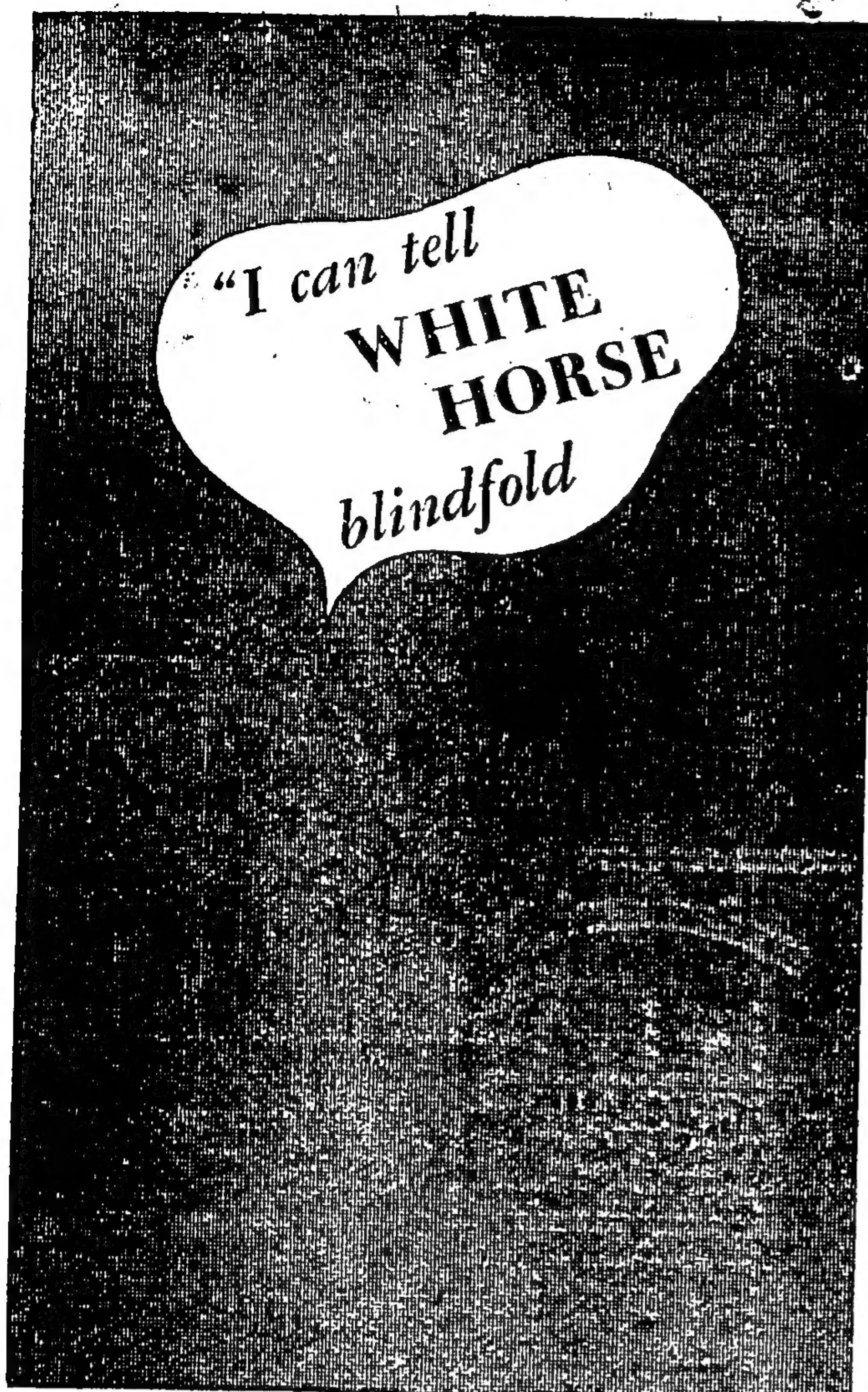
Two counter-attacks can be made against this invasion. One by Britain, the other by America.

To present the British case in America it is essential that the Ministry of Information establishes a wide-awake, news-conscious information (or propaganda) bureau in New York.

To expect the present British propaganda machinery in America to keep pace with the German machine is like backing a cart-horse against a Derby winner.

From America the only counter-attack the Germans would understand would be to break off diplomatic relations with the Nazis and ship the German agents back home.

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After spending four months in Ottawa, Canada, with her husband Lieut. John Farrow, Maureen O'Sullivan re-returned to Hollywood accompanied by her eighteen months old son. Miss O'Sullivan will report immediately to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios for work in her new picture, "Maise Was a Lady," which stars Ann Southern. She will rejoin her husband in Canada upon completion of the picture.

SCHOOLGIRL, 15, DEAD IN BLOCKHOUSE

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Hagan, Liverpool secondary schoolgirl, was found dead in a road blockhouse just before midnight, four hours after she had left home to buy a newspaper. Neighbours who organised a search party discovered her with her head marked by heavy blows and her clothing muddy and disarranged.

Detectives with police dogs sought clues near the blockhouse. Detectives are searching for an elderly man with a slouching walk who was seen near the blockhouse. They believe he may be able to help them find the murderer.

Several people have already been interviewed, and it has been established that Mary went to three shops near her home.

Merry-eyed Mary Hagan was popular with everyone. Children loved her and elderly people spoke gratefully of her many acts of kindness.

Detectives are investigating a report that a shabbily-dressed, middle-aged man with a slouching walk had been seen hanging about near the blockhouse.

Numbed with grief, Mrs. Hagan told of the tragedy at her home in Brookside Avenue, Waterloo, Liverpool.

"I sent Mary out about a quarter to seven to get an evening paper," she said. "When she did not return within half an hour I grew alarmed."

"I felt instinctively — I suppose it was a mother's intuition — that something dreadful had happened to her."

"Neighbours organised the search party of their own when they realised how worried I was."

Father's Search

Despite his artificial leg and fear of falling in the black-out, Mr. Hagan, a timekeeper at the docks, joined in the search.

"We left our other child John, aged eleven, in the house in case Mary returned," he said.

"She was a most cheery and normal girl, always laughing and joking. She was to start a week's holiday and had been planning that very evening what she was going to do with it." Mary was 5ft. 10 in. in height, and well built. She was wearing a three-quarter length rust brown coat with fur-trimmed collar,

white woollen gloves, a pale blue knitted jumper, and brown shoes. Her identity disc was on her left wrist.

Police issued an appeal for information about her movements.

THEIR SON, TWICE CAPTURED, IS FREE

MR. AND MRS. Joseph Richards, of Dundee, has received a letter from their 20-years-old son Joseph, whom they thought to be a prisoner of war in Germany. The letter came from Gibraltar, where he is recuperating in hospital after being captured, escaping, being recaptured, and again escaping.

He was called up at the outbreak of war and became a driver in the Royal Engineers.

He was in France in May and his parents were officially told in August that he was missing. In his letter he says he and seven comrades were taken prisoners at Rouen.

They marched for 10 days through Northern Belgium. Food and water were scarce. While marching down a country lane Driver Richards managed to breakaway and dive unnoticed under a hedge.

Slept in Barn

He lay there until nightfall, then made his way to a barn to sleep.

Next day he obtained civilian clothing at a house and continued his journey to Le Havre, where he boarded a ship.

But the ship was sunk and he was captured again.

Undaunted, Driver Richards escaped a second time and reached Gibraltar.

from a university post, without first acting as an assistant master. After being a Fellow of Magdalen College, he became a lecturer and later Censor of Christ Church.

'BLACKMAIL OF KING' LIBEL CASE

A man who said he was a D.F.C. and late adviser to the Chinese Government was charged at Bournemouth with libelling Lord Beaverbrook.

The man was William Ernest Frank Jones, aged 48, of Northbourne Avenue, Bournemouth. He was committed for trial.

Mr. J. F. Claxton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Superintendent Frank Osman, chief of Bournemouth Police, received a postcard marked "Urgent."

In brackets underneath the address was "Copy to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Lord Chancellor, London."

On the back was written: "London newspaper's secret news system proves Lord Beaverbrook instigated murder of Mr. Anthony Crossley, M.P., and Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P."

"Crime Gang"

"Lord Beaverbrook blackmailed Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and the King and Queen of London. Lord Beaverbrook is chairman of a crime gang, international, who promote war, murder, rape."

"Your immediate aid is asked for publication of my book of exposure and for spreading of this essential news. W. E. F. Jones."

Mr. Claxton said that in the course of inquiry other postcards came into the possession of the police.

One of them, describing Jones as "late adviser to the Chinese Government," stated:

"London newspaper's secret news system proves a private pirate submarine operated by the Beaverbrook secret crime gang was responsible for torpedoing the ship in the Atlantic in September, 1940, with 89 of our British children aboard."

"Can Prove It"

"The details I have posted to the Chief Police Commission at Scotland Yard, London, with copy to H.M. the King."

"I wish to lecture to the Bournemouth Mayor, Corporation, and public, about this secret newspaper system. Please reply. — W. E. F. Jones."

Superintendent Osman said that Jones, asked if he realised the seriousness of the statements, replied, "It is true. I can prove it."

BROKE HIS NECK AT FOOTBALL

While playing Rugby football, Ivor Chant, nineteen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Chant, of Glebe Farm, Street, near Lewes (Sussex) collapsed and it was thought he had sustained concussion.

He was taken to hospital, where he died. It was found that he had broken his neck.

Mr. Geoffrey Ford, of Lewes, an old schoolmate of Chant's, was refereeing the match.

"There did not appear to have been any collision," he said. "The ball went out of touch and Chant collapsed. He was a fine fellow and a fine player."

LONDON RAID TRAGEDY

BOMB HIT THE ONLY WEAK SPOT ON SHELTER

SCORES OF FAMILIES WERE SETTLING DOWN IN A BIG UNDERGROUND SHELTER IN AN EAST LONDON DISTRICT, WHEN A BOMB HIT THE ONLY VULNERABLE SPOT IN THE POWERFULLY PROTECTED STRUCTURE.

The hit was on a ventilator shaft measuring only about 3ft. by 1ft. The rest of the roof was protected by 3ft. of brickwork, earth and other defences. But over the ventilator shaft were only corrugated iron sheets.

Mothers were killed before they had a chance to protect their children. Babies were swept from perambulators. Three or four roof support pillars were torn down and about fifty people lay in stunned heaps.

About fourteen of them were killed and some forty injured and rushed to hospitals.

With bombs still falling and in the glare of the East End fires, Civil Defence men coolly worked among the debris of the shelter, seeking the wounded, carrying them to safer places, and giving them first aid.

Doctors Worked By Torchlight, Save Lives

Nine doctors answered an SOS and saved lives by improvising tourniquets. They dressed wounds by the dim glow of carefully held torches.

In one family three children were killed. Their parents escaped.

A man, when the smoke and noise died down, searched for his wife, found her lying on the ground and turned her over. She was dead.

Hours afterwards a woman, her head and arm swathed in bandages, was in the refuge room of the shelter, waiting for news of her two children. She did not know that both were dead.

A.R.P. and A.F.S. workers said that despite it all there was no panic.

"The women were magnificent," they declared. The Civil Defence men set a superb example.

Air Warden Sales said: "An A.F.S. man ought to get a medal. He flung off his tunic, organised everyone who was unhurt, whether in uniform or not. He seemed to know exactly what to do and what to say, and it was largely owing to his command that all the dead and wounded were cleared out of the shelter in about twenty minutes."

The fireman was Mr. H. Bear, an ex-soldier. He was searching for a purse which his wife had lost in the wreckage.

"I am not so much bothered about the money inside it as the ration cards," he said.

Considering the large number of people in the shelter, A.R.P. workers consider that the toll was very small.

About 150 people had amazing escapes when a bomb scored a direct hit on the railway line in a London area.

The sides of the walls of the shelters in which they stood cracked and dislodged bricks fell in on them. But apart from minor cuts and bruises, there were no casualties.

Nearly seventy bombs were dropped in three south-east London districts, and about twenty-five working class homes were damaged and shop fronts blown out. One damaged house was occupied by a First Division footballer.

In another area, the Mayor and Mayoress were in a shelter looking after about 500 residents. Their house was damaged. The Mayor called for volunteers and men helped him to assist injured persons to safety from damaged houses.

A salvo of bombs was dropped on some productive buildings by fifty bombers which it is suggested had followed a train to its destination.

Men and women workers were trapped in a shelter and were released after about an hour's work by rescuers.

Men who reported at the factory for the night shift were turned back at the gate.

They watched at least eight of the raiders shot down. In the morning, after the "All clear"

had been sounded, work was resumed in parts of the factory.

Several hundred people were evacuated from one area. They took with them what belongings they could carry, and spent the night at schools and institutes.

Though bombs dropped nearby, an old people's home escaped undamaged. Among the inmates was an old woman of ninety-nine.

"She is quite chirpy this morning," said the matron.

Sang Songs - Bomb Fifty Yards Away

As bombs were dropping only 50 yards away, people in a public house joined in community singing.

They sang on, though at times the noise of explosions and gunfire drowned their voices. And the landlord went round with a Spitfire Fund collecting box.

Hundreds of people had arrived at a stadium for a greyhound meeting when a bomb was dropped on the track, almost in front of the totalisator board. Three other bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the stadium, striking houses.

But the spectators stayed to cheer as they watched two of the raiders crashing.

During the night raid a bomb fell immediately in front of a crowded bus, and many passengers were injured by flying glass.

FOUGHT TO CLEAR HIS NAME

A beautiful widow figured in a dramatic episode in the life of Major William Augustus Adam, a former M.P., who has died aged seventy-five, after having fought the War Office for thirty-four years to clear his name.

Major Adam and several other officers of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers were asked to resign their commissions in 1906. Major Adam was appointed a staff officer at the War Office.

He contended that the War Office took their action because an informer had reported that he owed money to a woman.

"I was engaged to the woman, a beautiful widow," he said, "but I had to break off the engagement when I became aware that she was an inebriate."

In January, 1910, Major Adam was returned as Unionist M.P. for Woolwich, but lost the seat at the election in December.

He brought an action for libel against the late Sir Edward Ward, Permanent Secretary of the War Office, for publishing a letter about him, and was awarded £2,000 damages. Appeal Judges decided the occasion was privileged and Major Adam lost his £2,000.

He took the case to the House of Lords, which upheld the finding of the Court of Appeal.

GERMANS SURRENDER

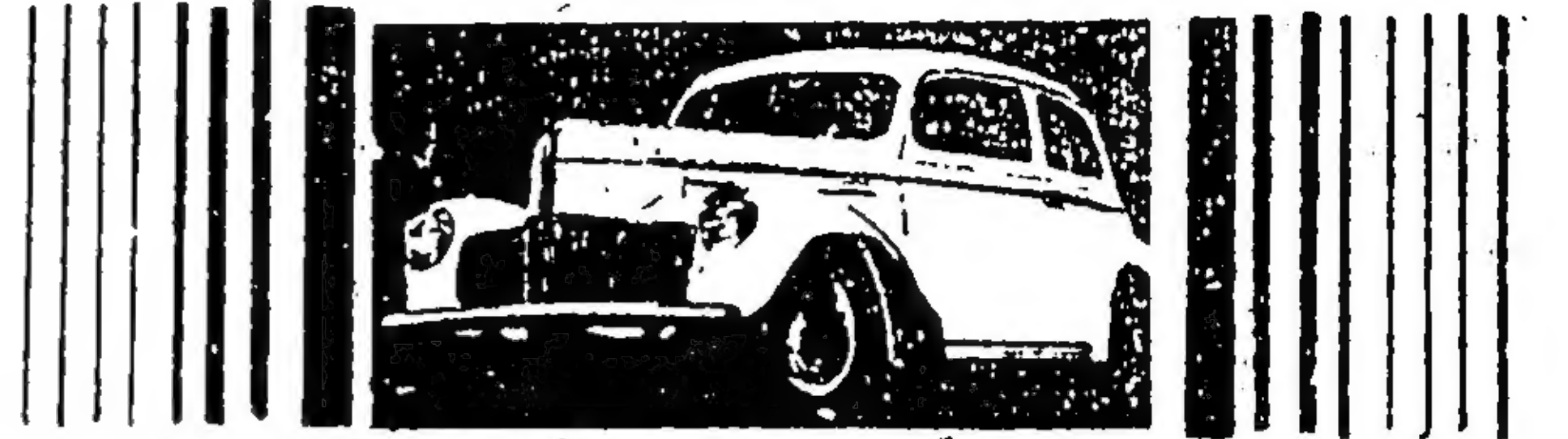
Two German airmen, believed to be the pilot and observer of the bomber which crashed at Hornchurch, Essex, surrendered the next day. They baled out when their machine was hit.

The pilot had leg injuries. The bodies of two other airmen were found in the debris of the bomber.

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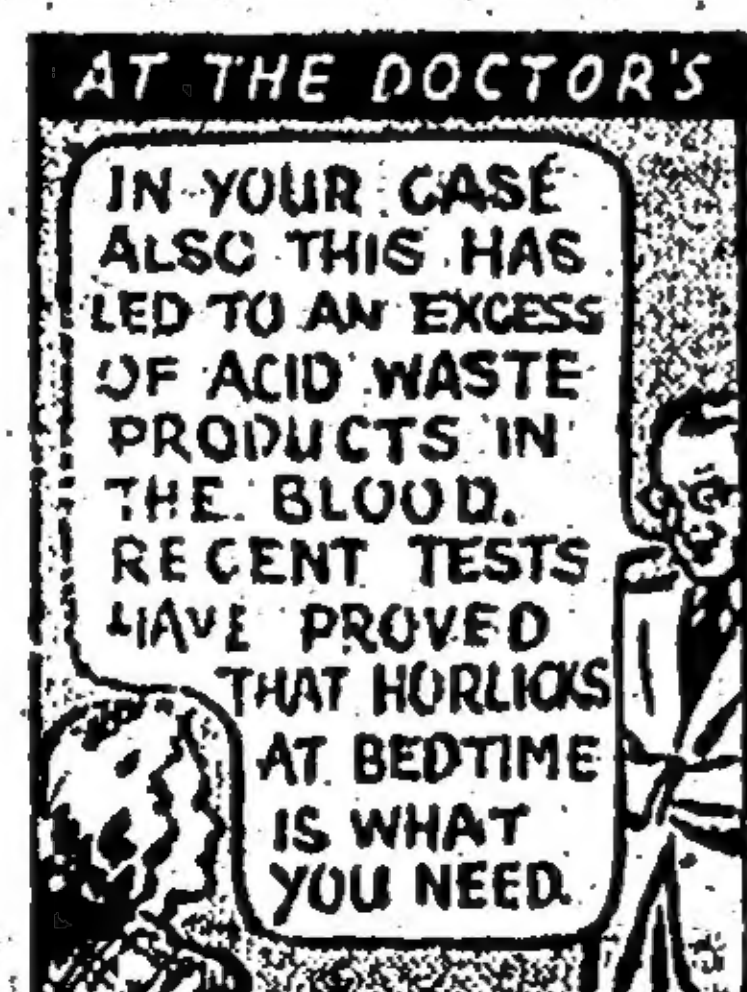
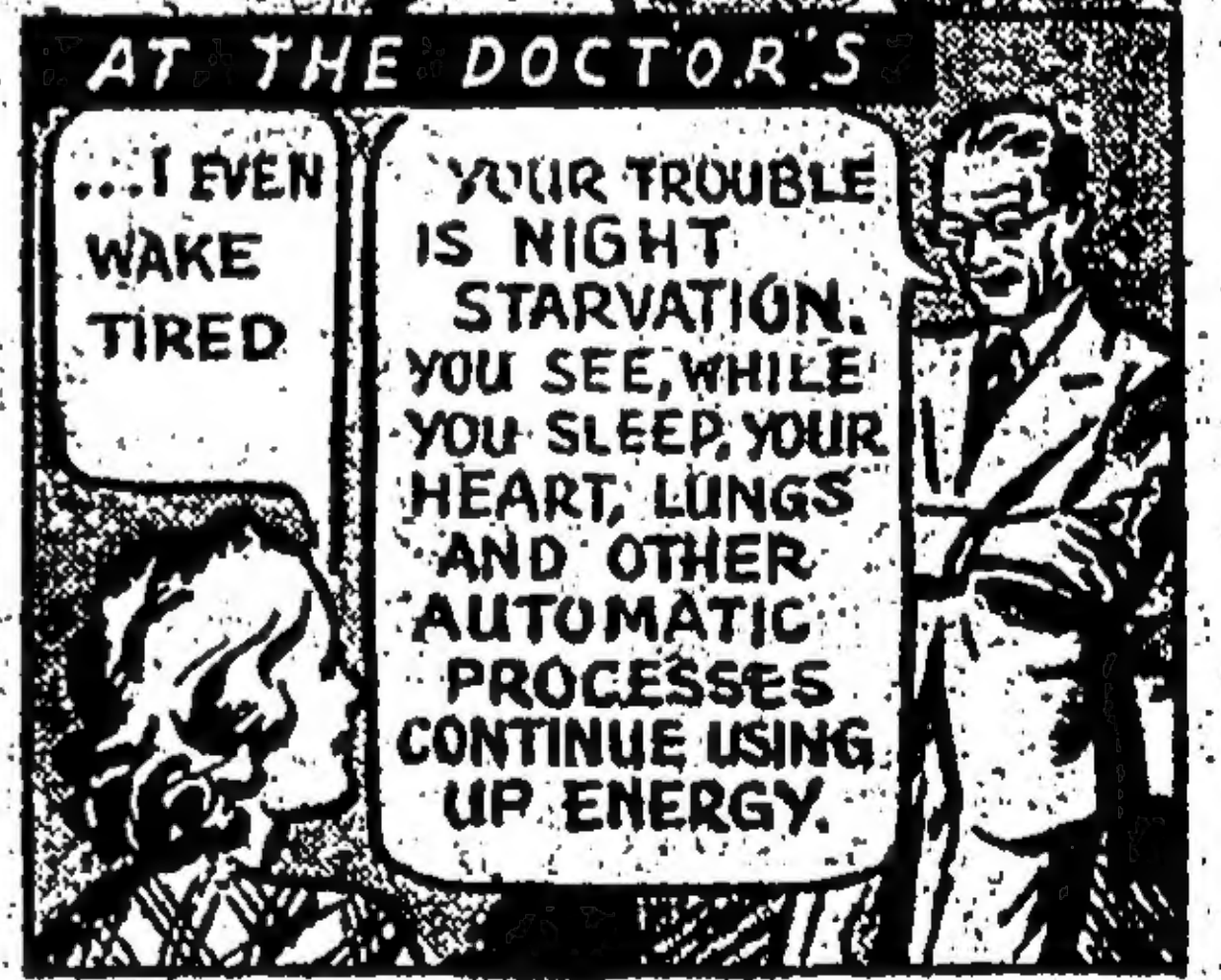
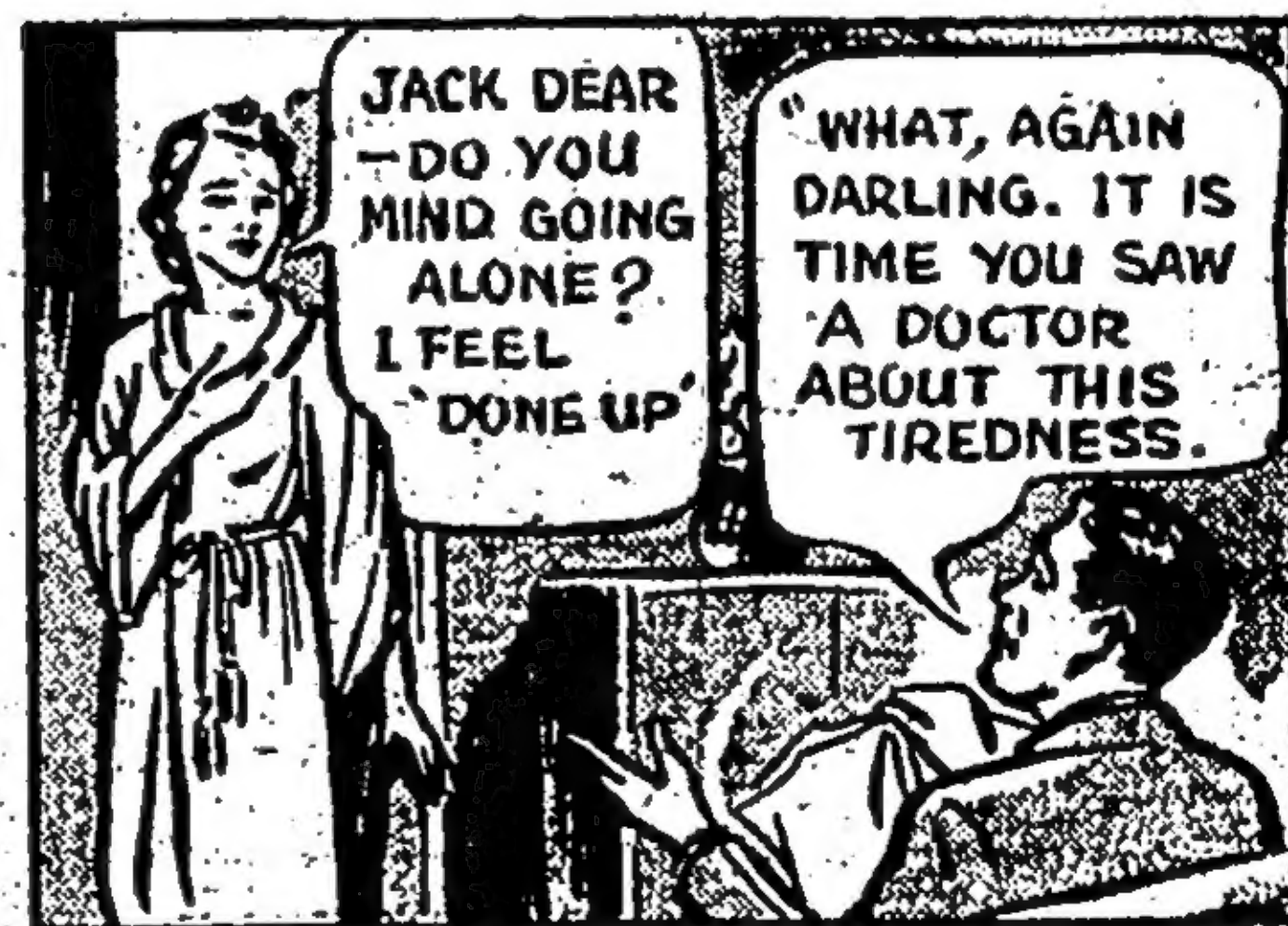
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BRIDGE NOTES

How To Get To Game By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is one we saw at a well-known club in New York:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 J 10 6 2
♥ A J 8 6
♦ K J 4 3
♣ Q 10 5 2
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♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 2
♠ A 7
♠ K J 6
♥ A K 9 7 4
♦ 3
♣ 10 9 6 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Naturally North and South wondered why they had missed an almost ice-cold game. North pointed out that he had approached the game in the most impeccable expert style; and South put in that his hand was so bare a minimum (without even a fit for North's diamonds) that he couldn't make a third bid. They finally agreed that the game was "unbiddable" and went on to the next deal.

But the game was far from unbiddable. North's second bid should have been four hearts, rather than just three hearts. What sort of hand could South have with which there would be no play for game? The fault lay in North's understanding of what was "expert style."

An alarming number of good (but not quite expert) players think it crude to bid a game bluntly and directly. They "edge up" on the game by using as many indirect bids as they can think of, as though game were the last thing they had in mind. After a suitable amount of this refined dallying, they graciously consent to bid a game.

All of that, of course, is far from expert style. The expert dallies when he needs information; but when he has that information he wastes no time in preliminaries. The way to get to game, very often, is simply to open your mouth, make the game bid, and then close your mouth. It's as simple as that!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 6
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Partner	Jacoby	Opponents
1♥	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. You have already shown a near-minimum opening bid, but your partner still has hopes of game, as shown by his reopening bid. Your hand is strong enough to give him one more chance.

Score 100% for three hearts, 40% for pass.

Question No. 607

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 7
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 8 6 5 3
♣ A K 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Opponents
1♥	Pass	(?)	
What do you bid? (Answer, To-morrow.)			

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PILOTS NEST IN TREES

TWO FIGHTER PILOTS — A POLISH FLYING OFFICER AND A BRITISH PILOT OFFICER — MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR "JIM CROWS" RECENTLY. BOTH HAD TO BALE OUT FROM THEIR DAMAGED AIRCRAFT—AND BOTH LANDED IN TREE TROPS IN KENT.

The British pilot, who claimed three "probable" German victims, was hit from behind by cannon fire, the shells passing his leg and exploding the petrol tank.

"I abandoned my aircraft," he said, "and delayed opening my parachute for about 12,000 feet. It opened perfectly and I landed on top of a tree in a wood near Ashford."

The Polish officer claimed "half" a Messerschmidt 109 and another Messerschmidt as a "probable." Although he was wounded by shell splinters, he continued his attack until his Hurricane dived out of control. He then took to his parachute and floated down and found his perch on a tree top some miles from Maidstone.

HOMES OF STARS IN DANGER

Magnificent homes and estates of Hollywood film stars are being eaten up by taxes, according to comedian Harold Lloyd.

Smaller places are greatly in demand by players and directors, especially in far outlying sections.

This is not to escape the attention of fans, but to escape city tax rates.

Lloyd was appealing to a meeting of the Los Angeles county supervisors to cut his assessment from nearly £60,000 to £25,466. He owns a magnificent home on a seventeen-acre estate.

A few more years like this he said, and even the richest of the stars are going to be living either in apartments or on distant farms. He added.

"Very well, someone says, if you can't live in your nice home move out—sell it."

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"No thanks, I've been sitting down all afternoon!"

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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Be Exotic When You Go To Parties

TO-DAY I want to write to the younger girls—those of marriageable age, with a desire to wed, who have not been invited to become a young man's bride! I want to stress the importance of being exotic when one goes to parties, dances and other places where Prince Charming might be discovered!

Don't be shy about making yourself as compellingly beautiful as possible! If an unusual colour is very flattering by all means have a gown made of that colour. Point up your eyes and your lips with rouge which will contrast vividly and well. Shop around for suggestions that will add glamour to your appearance. For instance, this year the South American influence has made black lace mantillas fashionable, worn over high, exciting hair-dos or a stone-studded comb. If you cannot afford a couple of yards of rare lace, shop for a huge black lace handkerchief, or a black chiffon square bordered deeply in black lace. Wear it with your white or black gown—or even a pastel gown providing you carry the black accent to the dress by wearing black gloves, or having black bows on the dress.

Just because everyone has grown to know you as Plain Sue is no reason why you should sacrifice the joy you can experience by looking exotic! Surprise your friends and come out one evening so beautiful that they will gasp.



MARIA MONTAGUE was not born looking exotic but see what she accomplished!

A Cinderella Story

I once knew a pretty little high-school girl who was very popular with girls and not at all popular with boys. She dressed in the usual sweater and skirt fashion, didn't bother about cosmetics. That was all right for school and sports, but she made the same mistake of going to parties looking just as casual and drab. Of course, the boys (who haven't much discernment at high-school age) passed her in favour of girls who came out with gay fads, and flattering gowns.

Well, the class play was cast and the visiting director spotted our little Plain Sue—but he saw

beneath that drab appearance. He gave her the ingenue lead, and from the night of the dress rehearsal, Plain Sue became the most popular of all girls. How? Sue had been dressed exotically. Her hair was arranged most becomingly, her fresh beauty was expertly pointed up with make-up and her pretty figure (which she possessed all the time beneath those sweaters and skirts!) was dramatised by a simple but well-fitting evening gown of a colour which made her ravishing! One look at the leading lady and all the boys became stage-door Johnnies! And from then on no

one ever thought of Sue as Plain Sue, and she had learned her lesson for life!

But while you are growing exotic don't pester the life out of your parents for a large clothes allowance. You must be clever in selecting new clothes, ornaments and gadgets and by wearing them to advantage. That means keeping your figure pleasingly contoured, your skin and hair radiating beauty through diligent care and encouraging the inner-woman to be poised and attractive. A lot of beauty comes from within but you can dramatise it by being exotic without!

Try These Exercises

It was surprising to note how popular foot exercises were with the many people who watched the famous exercise demonstration given at the Denmark Pavilion of the New York World's Fair last summer. There, Neils Bukh, Denmark's pride and glory, demonstrated to the masses how to grow strong and beautiful through corrective exercising.

He stressed foot work to relieve the aches which are so common to us if we stand for many hours, or even sit for many hours. Physical activity keeps muscles elastic and elastic muscles cause no aches.

The foot, Mr. Bukh said, is one of the most abused portions of the human body. Improper shoes, lack of exercise, tight stockings and poor posture all help to give us trouble. Then too, "the foot is falling into desuetude except as an appendage for stepping on the gas." We should walk much more in good fitting shoes than we do!

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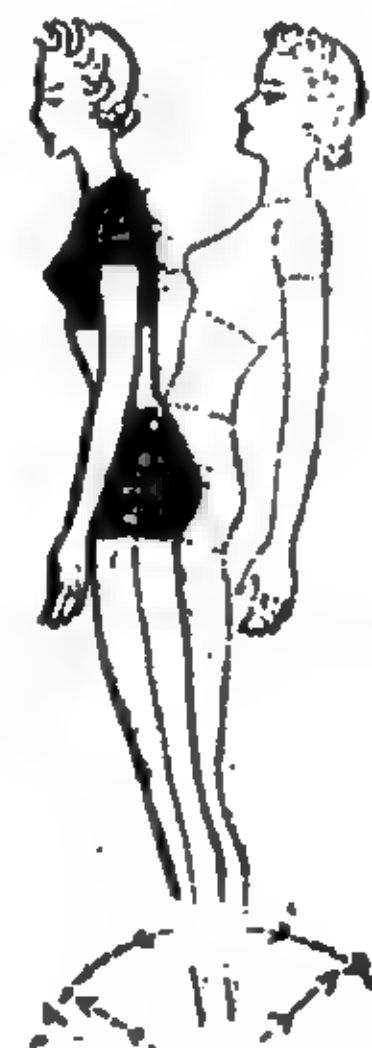
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2—Stand on the outer edges of your foot, toes curled slightly inward. Walk forward six steps, and backward six steps, in this position. Then combine Exercises 1 and 2 and do them to music rhythm. Five minutes should be spent this way.

3—Rise on your toes and then drop to your heels. Repeat this to a one-two count at least ten times. Then walk around the room several times on tip toes with perfect rhythm in your pace.

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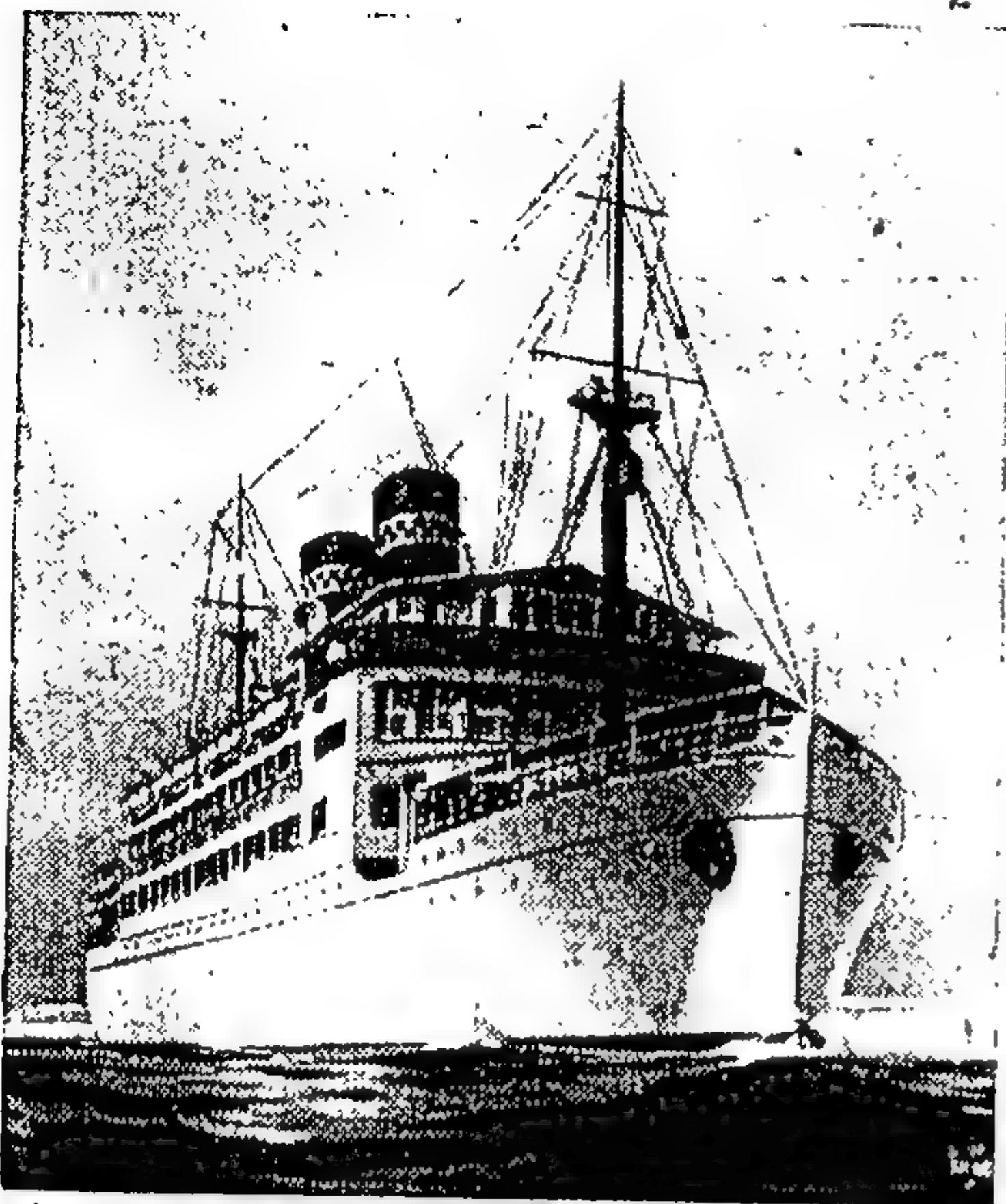
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1.13 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (Planquette).

"Florodora"—Selection (Stuart).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Chabrier—Cottillon—Ballet Music.

2.02 p.m.—Cateridge-Taylor—Four Characteristic Valses.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Bach.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins, Dorothy Lamour, and Dick Powell.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Mother of Pearl" Musical Comedy.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—"The News and News Commentary".

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Talk 'Scots Abroad'".

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Writing from Hollywood the donors say "Please put the money towards cigarettes for the boys of the R.A.F."

Another useful contribution to the Comforts Fund, which with the approach of winter is making a special appeal for gifts in cash and kind, comes from the collecting box at the recent R.A.F. Photographic Exhibition in Bond Street. Nearly £38 has been subscribed, mostly in coppers, from visitors to the exhibition.

A PROGRAMME FOR THE ENEMY

On the journey home after a raid on Hamburg the crew of one of our bombers switched over to "transmit" and, said the pilot, put over a burlesque of "German news in English" followed by a short selection from the operah of Gilbert & Sullivan.

When caught by a large concentration of searchlights, the wireless operator shouted into his set: "Dis is Goering here. But does flaming lights out."

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PERKY LONDONERS

A young officer of the R.A.F., veteran of many long-distance raids over Germany, was posted to London. What he saw so amazed him that he wrote to his friends: "We have had an extremely noisy time lately, nightly raids and six or seven raids a day. The major nuisance at night time is the gunfire which at times is plain hell. I have moved from one lot of digs as the windows and roof were removed by H. E.'s that fell 25 yards away. Fortunately they fell in the grounds of a college, and the major portion of the damage was caused by large hunks of a concrete squash court that were hurled for distances of from ten to 25 yards.

"The amazing thing here in London town is the spirit of the man in the street. After three weeks of night raids, lasting from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and then spasmodic daylight raids, people are more perky than they were before the fun started; and it's all taken as a matter of course."

SHOPS ASKED TO CARRY ON

It is hoped that shops, particularly those selling food, will allow air raid Alerts to interfere with business as little as possible, says the Ministry of Home Security.

There is no obligation on shops to close when an Alert sounds. It is left to the individual shopkeeper, who will use his discretion in judging the imminence of danger and the degree of protection given by his premises.

Any shoppers who remain after an Alert, or who enter to buy, do so at their own risk in the event of a raid.

MY FIRST DAY

By an Aircraft Woman
2nd Class

The envelope had "Air Ministry" in the bottom left hand corner. My posting! I tore it open with eager fingers. Would it be the Orkneys or the Isle of Wight? It was neither merely in—, somewhere in England. (I'm bound by the Official Secrets Act). It was not exactly where I should have chosen but I had now signed away my right to reason why.

Several hours later I was sitting in the waiting room at— railway station, along with six other new members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. We had all met on the platform. Only one had a uniform, but it needed no Sherlock Holmes to know we had all joined something. Our air of newly acquired importance, tinged with a slight bewilderment at our new surroundings and our service type respirators, drew us together like a magnet.

Outside the station we looked anxiously around for the transport which our orders had said would be provided. After a while we heard the sounds of a lorry. Once again we picked up our luggage. A voice called out from the driver's seat. "Are you the new W.A.A.F.?" From his intonation it sounded like a new breed of animal. "Yes," we all chorused. He jumped out of the driver's seat and came round and undid the back.

"Pile in," he said. "Sorry I can't take you all in front."

We piled in. Around corners and along straight roads we rattled and bumped. Then, just as we had found a position where the bumps didn't hurt quite so much, the lorry drew up with a sudden stop that threw us into each other's

laps. We peered out but could only dimly perceive a long line of buildings on either side. The

driver appeared and made a sudden dive for our luggage.

"Here we are," he announced cheerily. "In through that gate. That's your mess."

We struggled up the garden path and knocked timidly at the door. It opened and we saw a sea of faces.

"We're the new W.A.A.F.," we announced.

"Come in," cried someone, and in we trooped. Soon pillows, sheets and blankets appeared as if by magic and the Senior Sergeant initiated us into the art of making a bed to keep as much cold air out as possible. We were given three square objects known as "biscuits" for mattresses. I was told they were filled with horse hair, but after the first night I am willing to believe it to be stones. Six blankets, two sheets and a horse hair pillow completed the outfit.

Three of us had to sleep in one room. The furniture consisted of a dressing table, a large built-in wardrobe, a chair and a locker with three shelves. There was a tiny fireplace shaped like half a cheese. Another bedroom with two beds was on the same floor, while downstairs there were a small kitchen, bathroom, coalhole and the largest room presumably the former dining room, which held three more beds.

"You can sort out your own things afterwards," said the Sergeant, looking at her watch. "It's almost time for supper and I suppose you're feeling like it."

We all agreed, most of us having had no time or opportunity for lunch. For supper there was salmon, bread, butter, pickles and cocoa. There was no tablecloth, only bare boards, but they were clean and the crockery, though thick, was of china, not, as I had sometimes feared, of enamel. There were two long tables, with about sixteen girls at each, but I understood that there were nearly eighty W.A.A.F. altogether. I felt like a new girl at a boarding school, only no one asked me any questions.

We were told to be on parade for drill at 8.10 a.m. Breakfast was at 8.30 a.m. and before going on parade we had to sweep our room and make our beds. I undressed with eager anticipation of a good night's rest. I had slept out in the open in New Zealand and Australia and on bare boards in mountain huts, but I had not slept on "biscuits" before. As we tossed and turned we thought of King and country, of the searchlight and balloon barrage heroes, but always our thoughts returned to the nice mattresses we had left behind.

"Don't be surprised," the Senior Sergeant said next morning. "If nobody asks how you've slept. No one ever does for the first week, but now I wouldn't change my biscuits for the softest bed at Harrods." We looked at her in admiration. Of such stuff are Senior Sergeants made!

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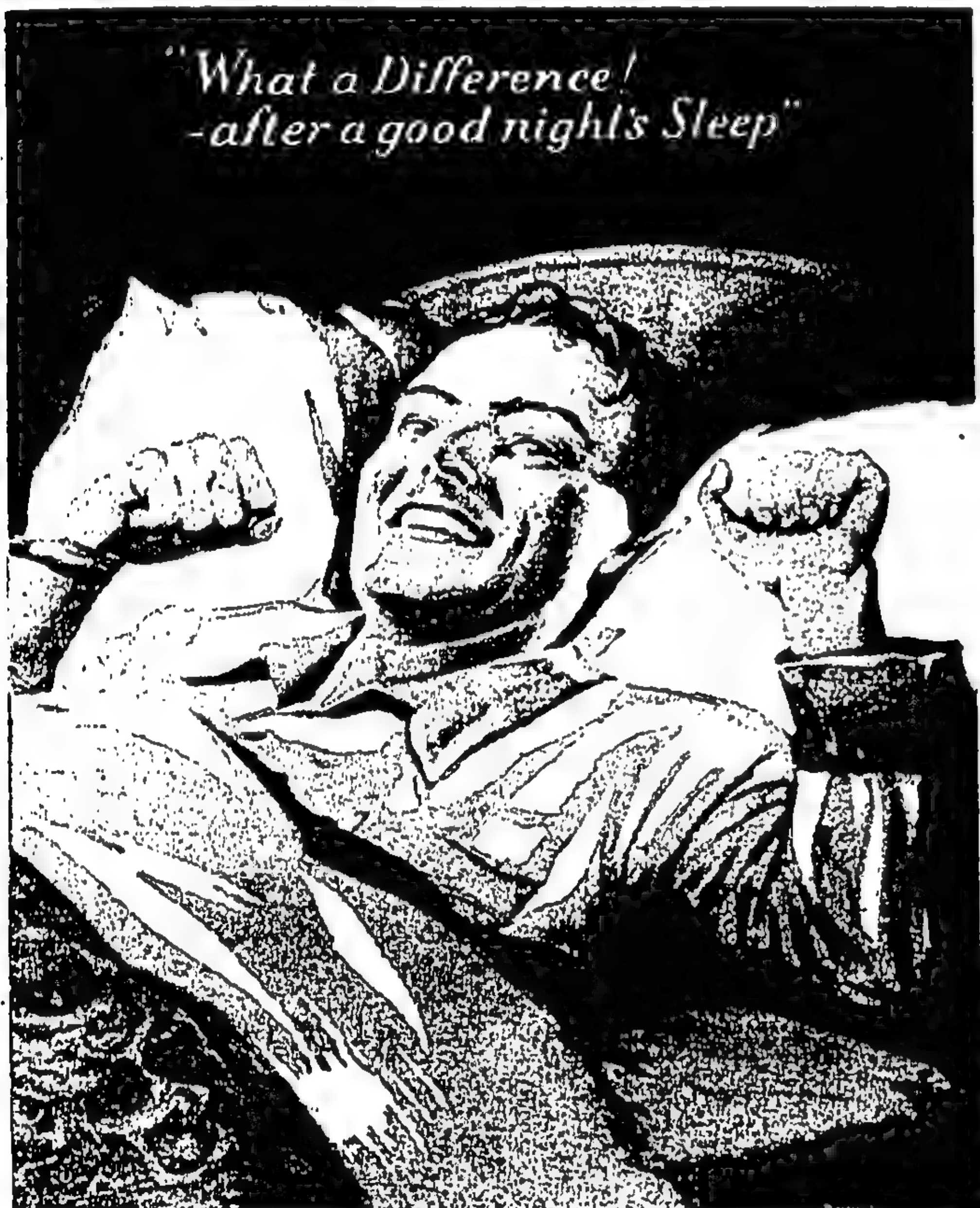
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Early this year the Air Officer Commanding the Station appealed to the personnel to bring the gardens under cultivation again. Apprentices, airmen, N.C.O.'s and civilian employees all came forward as volunteers. In their spare time a wilderness of weeds was removed; six large greenhouses in a tumble-down condition were made serviceable, and tomatoes and cucumbers planted; the ground was dug over; two tons of seed potatoes and thousands of cabbages were put in; lettuces, beans, peas, celery and carrots were sown.

The volunteers are now seeing the results of their labours. In spite of the abnormally dry season and their late start the produce is of an excellent quality. Each section of the Station consumes the yield of its own plot. The N.A.A.F.I. buys the vegetables, to be served in the apprentices' and airmen's messes, and credits the units' funds with the current price of the goods. The fruit in the orchards has been placed at the disposal of the station canteen for jam making and bottling.

Though a professional horticulturist might find points to criticise, the Royal Air Force is quite pleased with its amateur efforts. Much tidying up has still to be done. There are greenhouses and frames to be repaired, long neglected hedges to be clipped, paths to be trimmed—these are jobs for the winter.

Boxing Champions In The Making Effects Of U.S. Conscription

ENCOURAGING THE YOUNGER ELEMENT

CONSCRIPTION IN AMERICA IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A NEW CROP OF GOOD BOXERS, STATES A CABLE FROM NEW YORK.

Jimmy Bronson, noted figure in American boxing, who was boxing director of the American Expeditionary Force in the last war, believes that the champions of the future will come from the camps now in existence all over the country. He has expressed his readiness to handle the boxing in the army again, if the United States Government is willing.

"The A.E.F. really remade boxing in this country," Bronson said in an interview. "In the first place, boys who didn't know a boxing glove from a bag of beans, took eagerly to the sport in camp tournaments and some of them discovered they were pretty good and later became professionals."

Products of Last War

"Bob Martin inter-allied heavy-weight champion, and Gene Tunney were probably the two best-known boxers to come out of the last war, but there was a long list of other lads who weren't so bad - Al Noron, Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Ted Jackson, Sergeant Ray Smith, Art Donovan, now America's leading referee, and others."

Steps are already being taken by Mike Jacobs, America's most famous boxing promoter, and president of the 20th Century Sporting Club, Inc., in New York, to provide America's young manpower in training camps with boxing equipment wherever they are stationed.

But it is not with the thought, necessarily, of producing champions that Jacobs has undertaken to supply, of his own accord, the camps with boxing rings, gloves and other paraphernalia necessary for the sport. It is to help the new army to attain greater physical fitness, to add interest to their soldiers' recreation hours, and at the same time to further the cause of boxing. Already he has installed the necessary equipment at some military camps, and others will be supplied with it as soon as possible.—Reuter.

BAN ON PRIZE FIGHTS

Professional boxing has been banned throughout the Osaka prefecture as "unhealthy" under the new amusement enterprise regulations, the Domei news agency reported recently. The regulations went into effect on Dec. 22.

Under the new rule, professional tennis and baseball players were classified in the same category as actors and other performers. Henceforth, these players will have to obtain police registration cards before they may appear in "games for profit."

The regulations, which contained 122 articles, placed stringent restrictions on the sale and distribution of tickets for performances regardless of whether they are benefit affairs for charitable institutions or for private profit.

In Tokyo, police announced they have no intention to adopt the Osaka measures banning professional boxing.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy
(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

R. Scots v Engineers
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v Ordnance
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v Kit Chee
(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Navy
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Medicals v Engineers
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Air Force v 7th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
International v Service Corps
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Shell v Signals
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
12th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v South China
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Sing Tao v South China
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Police v Service Corps
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
36th R.A. v 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Shamshuipo on Sunday in Large Units Hockey League Middlesex and Rajputs drew each side scoring three goals, after the Middlesex had a one goal lead at the interval.

Some good hockey was witnessed in this game which was one of the best and fastest games seen this year in Army Hockey.

Middlesex had most of the play in the second half, and if they could only find a combination for short corners, they would easily finish top of the League. So far neither teams have lost a game yet and both should finish somewhere near the top.

Rajput Regt., on the other hand, have an exceptional short corner combination and scored their three goals from these corners, through Capt. Wood.

Bright scored the "hat trick" for Middlesex.

The first half did not produce any exciting moments, except when Bright scored the first goal after Moggeridge had made a solo run down the wing and passed to Bright who made no mistake, giving the goalkeeper no chance.

The second half soon brought Rajputs on level terms when Capt. Wood scored the equaliser from a short corner.

There were numerous exciting moments in this half with both sides narrowly missing, especially on one occasion when Rajputs' goalkeeper made a brilliant save from Sheehan.

Bright then scored Middlesex's second goal to give them the lead again, but not for long, for Capt. Wood again scored from a short corner with a fine low drive.

Immediately after the restart Middlesex again scored through Bright who ran in to net one of the finest goals yet seen in this competition after Jackson put over a fine centre.

It then looked as if Middlesex were easily going to take both the points. With not much time to go the Rajput Regt. never gave up hope of getting the equaliser.

They were soon rewarded when they were awarded another short corner for Capt. Wood to once more net the equaliser.

In the Hong Kong Hockey tournament Engineers were beaten by Khalsa at Sookunpoo on Sunday by 3 goals to 1.

Signal Coy. beat 5th A.A. Regt. "A" team by two clear goals after a hard fought game.

Signals were a better combining team and did not give the Gunners much chance of getting through to score.

TO-DAY, at Sookunpoo Royal Scots will meet Middlesex in the Small Units Rugby League to decide the winners of the "A" section of the League. Engineers have already won their respective section.

Royal Scots are in a better position than Middlesex who are "a point behind, which means that the Middlesex have to win to make certain of the section.

This game should be worth watching, as both teams have some very good talent.

IN the Garrison Billiards League Signals beat the R.A.O.C. by four points to three.

Billiards

R.A.O.C.	SIGNALS
S/C Gardner 150* (21)	Sgt. Lilley 115* (25)
S/S Emberson 150* (20)	Sgt. Brackenbury 144
Fot. Pitt 150	Sgt. Allen 148
L/Cpl. Saunders 103	L/Cpl. Murphy 150
L/Cpl. Hobson 65	Cpl. Blount 150* (21 & 20)
L/Cpl. Paul 135	L/Cpl. Pitcher 150
	773
	857

* Breaks of twenty and over

The winners of the Garrison Billiards League will undoubtedly be R.A.M.C. who have won this competition for the past two years.

They have only another three matches to play and Royal Scots are their nearest opponents who are 26 points behind.

The Final of the Army Amateur Billiards Championship will be played between Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. and S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.

Cpl. Harvey beat B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A. in the semi-final last week by 62 points. Harvey scored 400 with three breaks of (20), (20) and (23), and Rawlings scored 338 with two breaks of (20) and (20).

S.Q.M.S. Wood defeated Pte. Whybro of R.A.M.C. by one point after a very even game. This was the best game of the competition with S.Q.M.S. Wood scoring 400 with two breaks of (56) and (22), and Whybro 399 breaks of (22) and (20).

It is interesting to note that the Final of the Individual Snooker Championship will be played between Lieut. W. V. Dixon, R.A.M.C. and Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. who are Hon. Secretary, and Clerk respectively of the Hong Kong Area Billiards.

It will be remembered that Cpl. Harvey won this competition last year and we wish him success, and would like to see him win it for the second year in succession.

H.K.V.D.C. have reached the Final of the 'Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Medical Corps are in the Final of the Garrison Challenge Cup, and will play either Corps of Military Police or 22th Coy. (F) Engineers.

Royal Army Medical Corps have a fine record for Billiards in the last two years having won the following competitions.

Garrison Billiards League (Inter-Unit)	1938
Garrison Billiards League (Inter-Unit)	1939
Garrison Challenge Cup	1938
Garrison Challenge Cup	1939
Soldiers' Club Tournament	1939
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Wyre, R.A.M.C.)	1938
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.)	1939

IN the Second Division of the Men's Softball League Royal Air Force defeated Cosmopolitans after a very hard struggle by two runs, the scores being

R.A.F. 18, Cosmopolitan 16.

Royal Scots suffered heavily to South China who defeated them by 14 runs to nil.

Royal Artillery gained a further two points at the expense of Royal Engineers who were unable to field a team.

YESTERDAY at a meeting of Army Association Football selection committee the following were chosen to represent the Army in the forthcoming "Kotewall Cup" game.

Bankier (R. Scots), Naysmith (R. Scots), Fraser (R. Scots), Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex), Freshwater (Middlesex), Owens (R.A.), Hossack (R. Scots), Fox (Engineers), Weir (R.A.S.C.) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (R.A.), Guy (R.A.), Pearson (Middlesex), Pelham (Engineers) and Munro (R. Scots).

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m.

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EFFECT OF WAR ON ENGLISH BOXING

International belligerence generally has resulted in the private variety being stimulated considerably. Between 1914-1918 there were twenty-five title fights in England and the Inter-Allied Tournaments during 1918 and 1919 provided an immense stimulus to the boxing game in London.

The Beckett-Carpenter fights brought the game to its apex in London and if their heavyweights were not of the best at the time they had Ted "Kid" Lewis, one of the best welters ever, Jimmy Wilde, a strong contender for the title of the finest fly-weight the world has ever seen, and Tancy Lee, who beat Wilde as a fly-weight and then won the feather-weight title three times, annexing the Lonsdale Belt outright for this great performance.

Early Chaos

How, then, is this war affecting boxing in England. For the first month or two chaos reigned. In the Provinces the game struggled on in Liverpool and the north-east, but in London only one hall, the Devonshire Sporting Club, kept the game alive. Then Sydney Hulls, probably the principal promoter in England, began Monday afternoon shows at the Stadium Club.

The boxing fraternity, bewildered by the absence of their greatest stimulant, crept out of their holes and Monday afternoons became get-together day in which the hand shaking and greetings almost made the actual boxing a poor obligation.

STUBBS SHIELD RESULTS

The Second Round results of the Stubbs Shield competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club were:

H.K.S.R.A. received walk-over from Gilman and Co., Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt., R.A., P.W.D. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank 4 and 3; Education Department received walk-over from R.A.O.C., 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., beat Dairy Farm 4 and 2; Air Raid Wardens beat J. D. Hutchison and Co. 6 and 4; Butterfield and Swire beat Post Office 5 and 4; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Department 3 and 2.

All competitions for the New Year meeting at Fanling were cancelled owing to lack of entries.

In addition to G. M. Park and G. Thomerson, who tied for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund competition 3 up, T. Megarry also had a card of the same value. The three players will now have to play off.

Alice Marble's Claims To Tennis Immortality

Can She Be Ranked Greatest Ever?

Very Big Loss To Amateur Tennis

WHEN ALICE MARBLE TURNED PROFESSIONAL A SHORT TIME AGO, AMATEUR LAWN TENNIS LOST ITS LEADING WOMAN PLAYER OF THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE WAS THE GREATEST WOMAN TENNIS PLAYER OF ALL TIME.

It is always hard to select the greatest player of all time in any sport. This is especially true in the case of women's sports, as playing conditions, especially as regard dress, have changed greatly in the past 50 years.

A few of the women players who have won their country's championship as well as the titles of other countries, especially the championship at Wimbledon, have stood out far above the rest. And it is naturally from among them that the greatest, if there is to be a greatest named, must be selected.

May Sutton Wins Honours

The first to win world-wide fame was May Sutton of California when she added the Wimbledon title to her United States honours. Then came Molla Bjursted, the famous Norwegian; Suzanne Lenglen, the great French player; Helen Wills; Helen Jacobs, and Miss Marble, the last three from California.

That the greatest player of all time among this group cannot be questioned. Of the above-mentioned players, Miss Wills, Miss Lenglen, and Miss Bjursted won the most national titles, Miss Lenglen and Miss Bjursted were practically contemporaries. Of these two we favour Miss Lenglen as the better despite her famous default to the former.

The Best Player Of Them All

Miss Wills was at her best after Miss Lenglen had begun to fall off in her playing, so there is no way of actually telling which was the better of the two. But we believe that most or all of those experts who saw all of the above-named players at their best would, were they to pick the greatest woman tennis player of all time, name either Miss Wills or Miss Lenglen as that person. And that is as far as we would care to go.

Miss Marble has played very fine tennis during the past two years. Had she continued as an amateur she would undoubtedly have led her field for several years.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. in friendly cricket matches on Saturday:

1st XI v Hong Kong C.C. (Home):—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, H. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, H. Parrott, A. E. Perry.

2nd XI v Army (Sookunpoo):—H. E. Strange (Cap.), J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

During the week-end, A. J. Dennis with a score of 75-10=65 qualified for the Captain's Cup over the Old Course and A. V. Greaves with a score of 84-16=49 qualified over the New Course. These were the 44 and 41 entries respectively.

CARNERA'S SERVICES REJECTED

Giant Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion of the world, told the United Press in an exclusive interview recently that Italian military authorities had turned him down as unfit when he volunteered for active service.

Carnera said he tried to join the parachute corps "but authorities said my 292 pounds would require a special parachute. I have been rejected a total of three times on account of my recent stomach operation."

'VARSITY MAKE NO MISTAKE

If there have ever been any doubts regarding the superiority of University "A" or their prospects of winning Senior Division of the Badminton League, they were dispelled last night, when, at Recreio, the undergraduates beat Recreio by the crushing margin of 9-0.

The match was disappointing in that few really close games were seen and the fact that at no time was any but the eventual result possible.

K. W. Choy, the new University player from Malaya, more than lived up to his reputation, proving to be a player who will be difficult to stop in the forthcoming championships. He has a wide repertoire of strokes, is speedy, and is possessed of brilliant courtcraft.

Recreio's move in splitting up the Oliveira-Remedios partnership was not a success although Oliveira, who paired off with Rodrigues, gave an excellent display in the closest game of the evening, when they only just lost to Chew and Hui after "setting."

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Rec.)
lost to K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee 8-21
lost to H. F. Chew and P. K. Hui 12-21
lost to P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim 13-21
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 16-21
lost to Chew and Hui 19-21
lost to Bun and Lim 9-21
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 10-21
lost to Chew and Hui 20-23
lost to Bun and Lim 16-21

Yesterday's Yachting

The ladies' championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.9 miles resulted:
Redbank 4.44.46 Miss Pritchard 10 1
True Blue 4.40.30 Miss Wilson 8 2
Maureen 4.47.40 Mrs. Whitaker 6 3
Gull 4.49.55 Miss Richards 4 4
Jean 4.51.50 Miss de Chaffoy 3 5
Artemis 4.55.40 Miss Challinor 2 6

MAJOR U.S. GOLF TOURNEYS CHANGE TO NEW VENUE

MAJOR GOLF, cradled in the East, appears headed for a lively explorative excursion into the great open spaces of the South-west, producer of some of the game's brightest stars, writes a Chicago correspondent.

The 1941 National Open Championship is set for June 5-7 at Fort Worth, Texas, and the annual convention of the Professional Golfers' Association in session here brought the announcement that the Western Open will be played Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Training Ground

Never before, several veteran professionals pointed out, has the National Open been played in the South-west. And to a man they believe that this section, training place of such stars as Byron Nelson, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Demaret, Ben Hogan, and Dick Metz, will rally behind the 1941 open for a record-smashing attendance figure.

Attendance at last summer's National Open in Cleveland, won by Lawson Little, was the best in years, approaching the huge turnouts of the Bobby Jones era in the late 20's.

Championship Test

While the Colonial Club of Fort Worth will be a real championship test, the average course in the South-west is conceded to be shorter and easier than those in the East. Nelson, current P. G. A. champion and former National Open title holder, has expressed the belief that these shorter courses, calling for expert short iron play, are responsible for the large number of Texas-developed stars now making golf headlines.

The P. G. A. convention went through a routine business session to re-elect President Tom Walsh of Chicago for another year.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB GYMKHANA

A large number of members and friends attended the annual gymkhana of the Equine Sports Club on Sunday. Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield was the judge, while Mr. D. Waterton and Mr. E. L. Startling acted as marshal and starter respectively.

Following were the results of the various events held:

Sword and rings:—1, A. H. Dinnen, 2, A. Brittain.
Potato race:—1, C. C. Chan; 2, A. Brittain.

Handy hunter competition:—1, M. O'Connor; (President's Cup) 2, R. Bluestone.

Tent pegging:—1, A. H. Dinnen (Gary Cup); 2, A. Brittain.
Jumping competition:—1, M. O'Connor (China Light and Power Co. Trophy); 2, R. Bluestone.
Obstacle race:—1, E. Himsforth; 2, H. P. Lim.

Aggregate cup:—M. O'Connor tied with A. H. Dinnen.

Gilbey cup for best dressed competitor:—Mrs. H. P. Lim.

Mafoos race:—1, Yen Fat; 2, Yung Mow; 2, Ah Lam.

At the conclusion of the meet, Mrs. H. H. Yung, wife of the President, presented the prizes.

WILL ABOLISH PROFESSIONALISM

JEAN BOROTRA, new French health minister, has announced a general sports programme pointing toward abolition of professionalism three years from now, and laying major emphasis on amateur athletics.

General recommendations which Borotra has approved stated "professional sport must disappear. Only amateur sport will be continued."

Professionalism will be limited to football, boxing, cycling, and basque tennis was given a three years' lease on life but no longer.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Taking The Count

BY BEST BALL

Recovery is a matter of weight in many fields these days. The term is also of considerable significance in golf. Recovery shots have been part and parcel of the game since its inception and will continue to play a role in the sport for as long as it exists. To the beginning golfer recovery shots seem to play a major function, to the expert golfer they are often few and far between. But there are few if any really perfect rounds and the average player should realise this to develop a proper golf philosophy. Let him take the bad breaks as part of the game and he will be able to play such shots in a calmer frame of mind. It is largely one's nervousness that causes inefficiency here.

Hurried, hasty swinging must give way to smooth, powerful stroking. Take a full backswing and cock the wrists fully so that there is plenty of snap to the wrists as the clubhead digs into the sand. Avoid lifting the head to see what has happened. It must be kept down, while the clubhead swings through. If this is difficult, count to three slowly before raising the head to see where the ball has gone. Constant application to this factor will soon make it a habit. If you have any doubts about the eventual trajectory of the shot, aim at the largest part of the green. The important thing is to get out of trouble in one stroke.

Next Article.—Before The Downstroke.

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(Reuter's Special Correspondent At British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

SLIGHT NAZI DAYLIGHT RAIDS

Bombs were dropped in the London area, in Kent and in the Eastern counties by single aircraft which flew over these areas on several occasions during daylight yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

Some damage was done to houses and shops and a small number of people were killed and injured.—Reuter.

THE ITALIAN FRONT LINE NOW IS AT TOBRUK — GRAZIANI'S BIG NAVAL AND AIR BASE, NEARLY A HUNDRED MILES INSIDE LIBYA.

Between Bardia, now completely cleaned up, and Tobruk there are virtually no Italian troops. British patrols cover the whole of the intervening country. Tobruk's defences consist of two perimeters while Bardia had only one.

The outer perimeter of Tobruk is about 25 miles in circumference and the inner one about 11 miles.

Whatever the future course of events in Libya, it is certain that General Graziani is in a very serious position.

Apart from the huge number of Italian prisoners, he had lost about half the total of his supplies of guns, lorries, ammunition and other war materials available for the Italian army in Libya.

"Either General Graziani is a very bad general or he has been pushed into unwise actions by the Fascist party," said a high British Officer, when giving me his conclusions on the campaign which culminated in the fall of Bardia.

Most Unwise

The Italians were most unwise, he said, to advance with-

out rebuffing themselves against such a defeat as the British Forces have now delivered. But it appears probable that Graziani was forced to do this against his better judgment.

The Italian intelligence section has also been at fault.

It had been consistently wrong concerning numbers of British troops engaged, sometimes grossly over-estimating and at other times being completely unaware of their presence.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONTROL IN W. INDIES

Admiral Rovere, High Commissioner of the French West Indies, in a press interview on the subject of Martinique, said yesterday that he was authorised to defend the islands by force if necessary against any power trying to seize them from France.

No foreign influence detrimental to the interests of the United States will be allowed to gain control of Martinique, he said.

Under the armistice terms, he continued, Germany was bound not to seize French colonies by force.

The people of Martinique — both native and European — desire above all to help the Mother Country in her effort to regain her position as a first class power, he concluded. — Reuter.

SHELL SPLINTER IN SHOE

After fighting in more than 30 actions and shooting down half a dozen enemy aircraft, a young fighter pilot has collected only one souvenir.

It is a splinter—three quarters of an inch long and a quarter of an inch across—from a Messerschmitt cannon shell which struck his Hurricane. He carries it about with him everywhere.

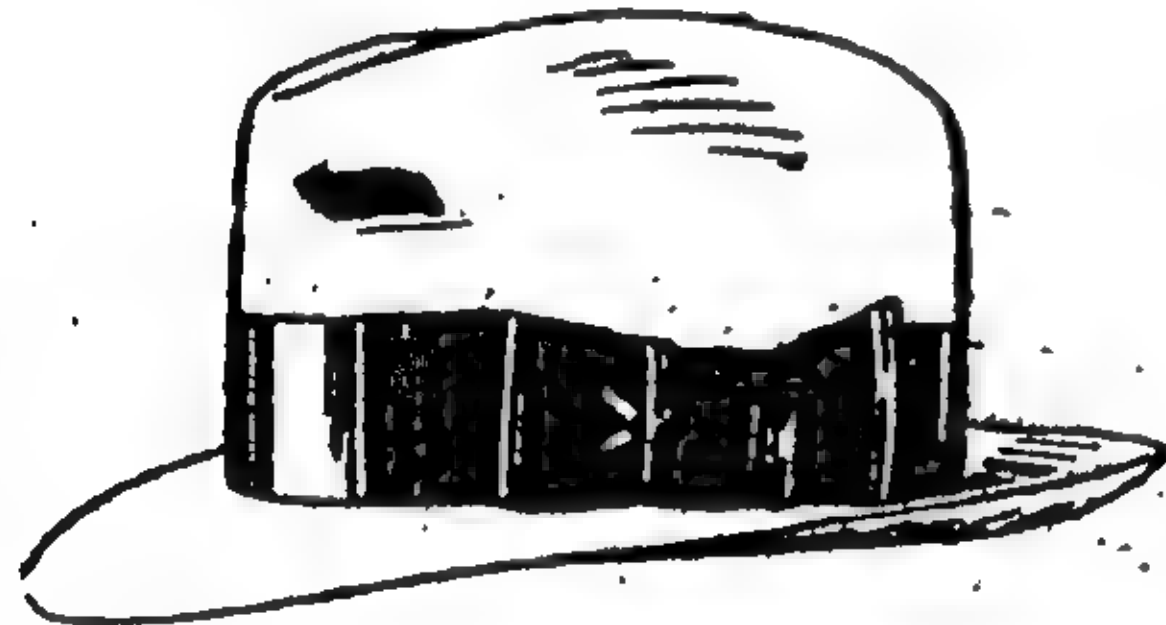
"I force-landed my Hurricane on a south of England golf course, on the only fairway which was not covered by obstructions," he said the other day. "I was about 400 yards from the nineteenth hole, and as I started to walk towards the clubhouse I felt something in my shoe."

"So I pulled it off, and inside I found this piece of shell splinter. It had come into the cockpit and struck my instep. It had cut right through the leather, and then it had stopped, for though it was right inside the shoe it had not even scratched my foot or torn my sock."

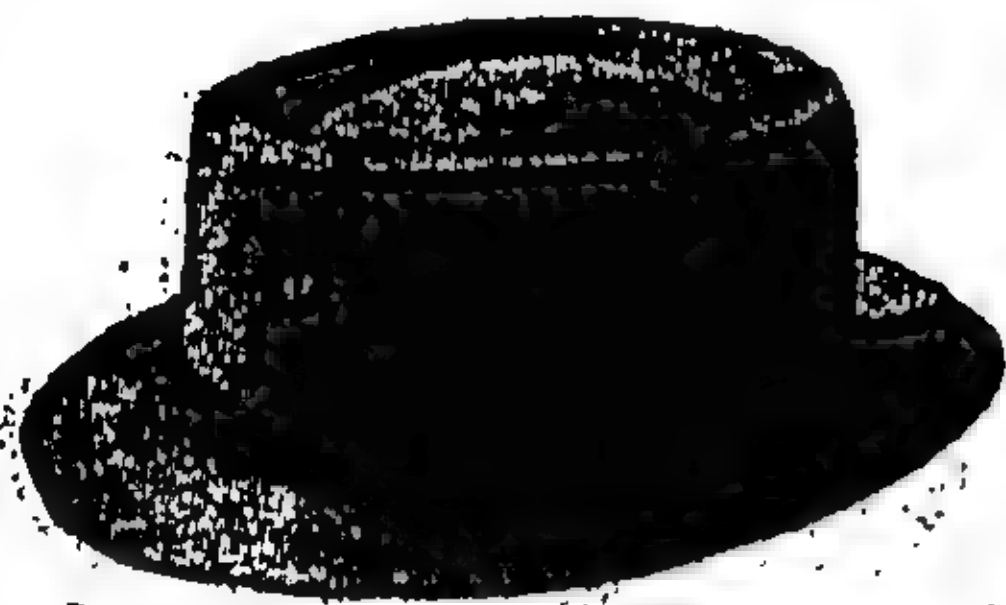


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SPEED THE WAR DRIVE

A spectacular new "Speed the War" drive is disclosed in an official announcement from Number Ten Downing Street, issued last night.

The Prime Minister has instituted four committees to "obtain more rapid and more decisive action."

One committee will push production.

A second will control imports. The third, under Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, will study post-war production, paving the way for the Ministry of Reconstruction "when the end can more clearly be foreseen."

Each of these three committees will be composed of Cabinet Ministers—experts on the various problems—and the chairmen will sit on a fourth committee, responsible to the Prime Minister and the War Cabinet and able swiftly to co-ordinate all decisions.—Reuter.

PERSONAL ROOSEVELT TRIUMPH

Seldom if ever has President Roosevelt spoken so plainly to Congress and the country on foreign affairs as he did in his report on the state of the nation yesterday.

In so doing, he achieved a personal triumph such as was never possible in his "fireside chat." Enthusiastic Congressmen and the public in the galleries applauded him time and time again.

No seat in the Chamber was vacant.

Among the diplomats present were the British Charge d'Affaires and the Minister and Ambassadors from South Africa, Norway, Argentina, Persia, China, Switzerland, Finland and Portugal. No representatives of Germany or Italy were noticeable.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN VICHY

Admiral Leahy, American Ambassador to Marshal Petain, has arrived in Vichy and is expected to see Petain either to-day or on Wednesday.—Reuter.

Peiping Dispute Stiffens

After failure of all negotiations on the spot, the dispute arising from the incident in which United States marines were detained by Japanese gendarmes after an incident in a Peiping cabaret, has been transferred to Washington and Tokyo.

This interpretation has been placed on a statement issued by Colonel Turnage, the Commanding Officer of the United States Marine Embassy Guard in Peiping.

The statement reads: "I have received instructions to confine my future action solely to the receipt of apologies from the Japanese authorities."—Reuter.

BULGARIA STORY NOT CONFIRMED

A report, broadcast from New York by the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation, that German troops will march into Bulgaria very shortly is still without confirmation from other sources.

The report said that Bulgaria had accepted a Nazi ultimatum presented by Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop on Saturday.

The Bulgarian press, under German pressure, has been giving a very pro-German view of the war during the past few days, and British successes have been concealed.

Nevertheless, it is felt in London that there is reason to believe that many Bulgarians who remember the last war are not inclined to trust German promises or to yield to German threats.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA CONGRATULATED

"Heartiest congratulations on the memorable part played by Australian forces in the victory of Bardia," says a telegram from the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne to Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier.

"By their courage and dash, they have added lustre to their name and rendered inestimable service to the common cause," the message concludes.—Reuter.

Dramatic Story Revealed on Arrival At Gibraltar

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Gibraltar)

HOW A WELSH cargo steamer outwitted, outfired, disabled and possibly sank a U-boat was thrillingly described to me yesterday.

The cargo steamer is the Sarastone. She fought a long engagement with the U-Boat, finally leaving her with smoke and yellow fumes pouring out, showing that the German craft had been hit seriously and damaged.

The Sarastone was in an Atlantic convoy when acute boiler trouble caused her to reduce speed to two knots.

The convoy went on and Captain John Herbert, of the Sarastone decided to make his way to Lisbon.

Two days later, on the afternoon of December 22, the Nazi submarine was seen coming to the surface about three miles away.

Captain Herbert continued to move slowly and apparently the submarine could not perceive the vessel's movement, for it approached from astern. When about two miles away, the submarine opened fire with light guns and the Sarastone's 12-pounder gun defiantly barked back, but her shells fell short.

The submarine was seen to be bringing a heavy gun to bear on the Sarastone when another shell from the merchant ship burst under the heavy gun putting it out of action.

Hit Aft

A light gun duel then followed, until one of the Sarastone's shells hit the submarine aft and the Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow fumes coming from their adversary.

The U-boat continued to fire light guns and pompons from the bridge while the Sarastone fired 27 rounds.

Then the freighter's crew realised that the submarine had stopped firing.

The Sarastone then went on her way completely unscathed towards Lisbon, leaving the crippled submarine behind.—Reuter.

BARDIA BELITTLED

The Axis press and radio is now busily engaged in belittling the importance of Bardia, upon which only few days ago they were insisting.

Defences once loosely compared with the Maginot Line would now appear to be non-existent.

The only comfort which the Italian communiqué was able to offer to the Italian people for a defeat which it left discreetly undefended was that "notable losses" had been inflicted on the enemy.—British Wireless.

THAILAND BORDER FIGHTING

Continued fighting on the Indo-Chinese frontier with Thailand is reported from Vichy.

It is announced that a strong Thai reconnaissance column was counter-attacked on Friday by French troops and withdrew after having sustained losses.

On Saturday, Thai artillery shelled Bannapaksoom, 47 miles south-east of Sa-uan-nakket. The French carried out reprisals on Kemmarat.—Reuter.

ONLY 400 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

It is learned from authoritative quarters in London that the total of Australian casualties in the storming of Bardia did not exceed four hundred.—Reuter.

GEN. CATROUX'S NEW POST

General de Gaulle has conferred on General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China, the title of Delegate-General for Egypt and High Commissioner for the Middle East and the Balkans, and has entrusted him with the leadership of the Free French Movement in the Balkans, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, the near East, Iran, Afghanistan, India and Somaliland.—Reuter.

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AMY JOHNSON FEARED KILLED

Amy Johnson, the famous British air-woman who was the first woman to complete a fight from London to Australia and back, is reported missing.

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, which service she joined early in the war.

Something happened to her machine over the Thames Estuary and it dived into the sea. Reuter.

Later.

Amy Johnson, it is now revealed, baled out of her plane, but an R.A.F. speedboat failed to find her, although her flight authorisation papers from the machine were discovered. — Reuter.

"FIRE DOWN BELLOT"

During a recent raid on the docks at Le Havre bomb after bomb was dropped on the various bases—the Muree, de la Citadelle, Bellot and de l'Hure.

Wreckage was hurled into the air and docks and quays were left ablaze. As one pilot afterwards remarked: "It was a case of 'Fire down Bellot'."

REMARKABLE INCIDENT OFF LIBYA COAST

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The British Navy Forces In The Mediterranean)

A BRITISH SERGEANT and eight men, captured on Christmas Day outside Bardia, turned the tables on their captors by battering them down in a hatch when the 100-ton Italian schooner in which they were being taken to Tobruk, was intercepted by an Australian destroyer. The men are now back in the desert.

It was in the middle of a dark and stormy night of December 29 that the Destroyer intercepted the schooner "Zingarella" as she tried to creep along the Libyan coast with 100 Italian soldiers and 15 naval ratings on board together with their much prized captives from a famous British regiment.

This is how the schooner was captured.

The Australian destroyer was patrolling off the coast when a small vessel was sighted about 2 a.m.

The destroyer eased towards her, firing one round across her bows, whereupon she hove to.

The destroyer brought her searchlights into play from close range disclosing the Italians hopping about the deck, frantically waving shirts and caps and shouting "prigionieri inglesi" (British prisoners).

There was little need to indicate there were British prisoners aboard because at the sound of the destroyer's shot the British sergeant and his eight companions, guessing help was at hand, dashed up the ladder from below deck and quickly battered down 100 Italians in the hatch below.

Three Stripes

As both ships rolled in the rough sea, the destroyer's captain said he caught glimpses of the upturned face of Italians through the slits in the hatch. Then he saw the sergeant's three stripes clearly visible as he bounded to the deck

assuming control from the unresisting deck guards.

The sea was too rough for the destroyer to go alongside or to lower a boat, so from a distance of 20 yards, the Captain shouted through a megaphone "Follow me" to which the British sergeant answered "I'll see to that, Sir."

In a signal to shore informing the authorities of the capture, the Captain said: "The army now have the situation well in hand with 100 Italians down below. I am making a good three knots but she is no ocean greyhound."

Roles Reversed

Thus, with the role of the captors reversed the party arrived at Sollum, the soldiers none the worse for their trip, except for being very hungry — they had had only a small piece of brown bread and very little macaroni with one pint of water daily to be shared among them.

They said the Italians were apparently so pleased at capturing them that no less than four generals came to look at them before they were shipped off on their abortive trip to Tobruk. — Reuter.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN THE WESTERN DESERT—A well camouflaged heavy gun. (Copyright, Fox).

ITALY'S HOLD ON LIBYA SHAKEN TO FOUNDATIONS

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH THE FALL of Bardia was fully expected, the magnitude of the victory in its rapidity, the number of prisoners captured and the smallness of the casualties suffered, could hardly be foreseen.

Italy's hold on Libya is now shaken to its foundations and her hold on Abyssinia is precarious.

The very poor fighting qualities shown by the Italian Army emphatically proves that the hearts of her soldiers are not in this war. So large a proportion have surrendered that it is impossible not to believe that this lack of spirit is not merely local. It must be widespread throughout the whole army in Libya and perhaps is prevalent throughout the whole Italian army.

resources, for the tribes have been cruelly treated by the Italians and drive from their homes. They will rise and attack every unprotected home.

New Vistas

The position of all the ports and aerodromes along the Libyan coast are of such importance to the British Navy and Air Force that their capture should be the first objective. With these in British hands, the command of the Mediterranean will be yet more firmly established and the free passage of supplies by sea from the East will be regained.

At the same time, Britain will be installed in a position from which further attacks on Italy could be conceived and carried out.

It would be a mistake to detach troops from Libya to attack Abyssinia. That country can await its fate, but it will not have to wait long for there is a storm gathering. — Reuter.

Resistance Doubtful

There is now nothing to prevent General Wavell from moving forward at once to Tobruk. General Wavell will meet with no resistance until he arrives at this port and it is doubtful whether Tobruk would offer any real resistance after what has happened to Bardia. In fact, it is becoming doubtful if the Italians in Libya are capable of offering any further strong resistance, and I should not be surprised to see Tobruk fall within a week.

Reports say that 500 German planes and 10,000 German soldiers are collected in Southern Italian ports in readiness to reinforce Libya. It is too late and it can be regarded as a bluff.

The planes on their arrival would find their aerodromes already hammered and exposed to constant attack. If the Germans attempted to move ten thousand soldiers by sea their fate would be a watery grave.

British Strategy

British strategy will probably be directed now to driving the Italians out of Libya altogether before turning to any other object.

Besides having to oppose the British advance, General Graziani will have to detach a number of troops to protect Italian colonies spread out in detached farms along the northern coast. This may prove a great handicap.

WHY HE JOINED

This is how one German bomb dropped indiscriminately on London, "affected the morale of the civilian population."

A young man who described himself as "a bit of a pacifist" went home from work one day to find that a bomb had destroyed his home. His mother and his sister had been killed.

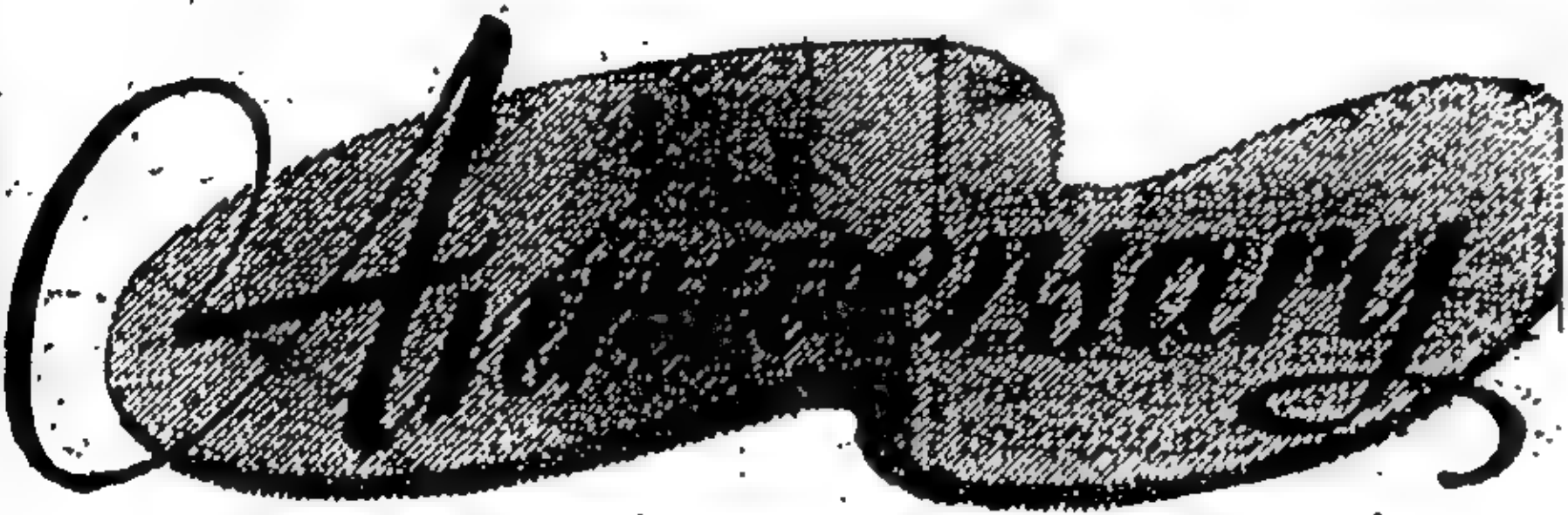
Next day that young man was at a Royal Air Force recruiting depot. He had only one request to make — that he should be taken as an air gunner.

He got his wish. To-day he is at a training camp, and when he is asked why he chose the job of an air gunner, he speaks of his bombed home and says: "I want to get after the fellows who did that."

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HISTORIC ROOSEVELT SPEECH

Three Cardinal Points Of United States Policy

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED SPEECH SINCE PRESIDENT WILSON'S HISTORIC DECLARATION OF WAR IN 1917, YESTERDAY REPORTED TO A PACKED 77TH CONGRESS ON THE STATE OF THE NATION.

President Roosevelt declared that he was addressing Congress at a moment unprecedented in the history of the Union because at no previous time had American security been as seriously threatened from without as it was now.

After reviewing American history since 1789, President Roosevelt said: "We should remember that peace in 1919 was far less unjust than the kind of 'pacification' which began even before Munich and which was being carried out under the 'new order of tyranny' that seeks to spread over every country today.

"The American people have unalterably set their faces against that. The democratic way of life is at this moment being directly assailed in every part of the world — assailed whether by arms or by the secret spreading of poisonous propaganda by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in the nations still at peace.

"During 16 months, this assault has blotted out the whole pattern of life in an appalling number of independent nations, great and small. Our assailants are still on the march, threatening other nations, great and small.

"As your President, performing my constitutional duty to give Congress information on the state of the Union, I find it necessary to report that the future safety of our country and our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders.

Defence Of Democracy

"The armed defence of democratic existence is now being gallantly waged in four continents. If that defence fails, all populations and all resources in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia will be dominated by the conquerors."

Declaring that it was immature, and incidentally untrue, for anybody to brag that unprepared America, single-handed and with one hand tied behind its back, could hold off the whole world, President Roosevelt gave warning that no realistic American could expect international generosity, the return of independence, world disarmament, or even good business from a dictator's peace.

"We must always be wary of those who, with sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, preach the 'ism' of appeasement."

British Navy

"We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American eagle in order to feather his own nest. There is much loose talk about immunity from direct invasion from across the seas. Obviously, as long as the British navy retains its power no such danger exists.

"Even if there were no British navy, it is improbable that any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles of ocean until he had acquired strategic bases wherefrom to operate."

Great Responsibility

President Roosevelt proceeded: "As long as the aggressor nations maintain their offensive they, and not we, will choose the time, place, and method of their attack. That is why the future of all the American republics is today in serious danger. That is why every member of

the executive branch of Government and every member of Congress faces a great responsibility and a great accountability."

Declaring that American national policy in foreign affairs was based on decent respect for the rights and dignity of all nations large and small, and that the justice of morality would win in the end, President Roosevelt condensed his policy into three points:

First, by an impressive expression of the public will without regard to partisanship, the United States is committed to all-inclusive national defence.

Full Support

Second, similarly the United States is committed to full support of all those resolute peoples everywhere who are resisting aggression, thereby keeping the war away from this hemisphere.

Third, the United States is committed to the proposition that the principles of morality and considerations of her own security would never permit her to acquiesce in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers."

The President declared that he was not satisfied with the progress thus far made in production and quicker and better results must be obtained. They were behind schedule. In turning out finished aeroplanes, but ahead in building warships. "I shall ask Congress for greatly increased new appropriations and new authorisations to carry on what we began and for authority for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual war with aggressor nations."

America's Role

President Roosevelt added: "Our most useful role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need our manpower.

"They do need billions of dollars worth of weapons of defence. The time is near when they will not be able to pay in ready cash.

"We cannot and will not tell them they must surrender because of their present inability to pay for weapons which we know they must have.

I do not recommend that we make them a loan of dollars with which to pay for these weapons — loans to be repaid in dollars.

"I recommend we make it possible for those nations to continue to obtain war materials in the United States by fitting their orders into our own programme.

Vitally Concerned

"Nearly all their material, would, if the time ever came, be useful for our own defence. For what we send abroad we shall be repaid within reasonable time following the close of hostilities in similar materials or, at our own option, in other goods which they can produce and which we need.

"Let us say to democracies: 'We Americans are vitally concerned in your defence of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, resources and organising powers to give you strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you ever increasing numbers of ships, planes, tanks and guns. This is our purpose and pledge.'

No Intimidation

"In fulfilment of this purpose we will not be intimidated by the threats of the dictators that they will regard as a breach of international law and as an act of war our aid to the democracies which dare resist their aggression.

"Such aid is not an act of war even if a dictator should unilaterally proclaim it so to be.

When the dictators are ready to make war on us they will not wait for an act of war on our part.

They did not wait for Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands to commit an act of war. Their only interest is in a new one-way international law which lacks mutuality in its observance and therefore becomes an instrument of oppression."

All Sacrifices

Declaring all must be prepared to make the sacrifices which the emergency demanded, President Roosevelt said, in his budget message, that he would recommend that a greater portion of the defence programme should be paid for from taxation than was being paid at present.

No person should try or be allowed to get rich from this programme.

In future days, they would look forward to four essential human freedoms — freedom of speech and expression everywhere, freedom of and right to God in their own way everywhere, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Unity Of Purpose

The President concluded: "This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads and hearts of millions of free men and women and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God.

"Freedom means supremacy of man's rights. Everywhere our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or to keep them. Our strength is in our unity of purpose. To that high conception there can be no end save victory." — Reuter.

RECRUITING APPEAL TO INDIANS

At Bombay yesterday, Mr. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasbha, appealed to Hindus all over India to enter the Army, Navy and Air Force in the largest numbers possible. — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS LIVE UP TO REPUTATION

Sir Sikandar Hyat-Khan, Premier of the Punjab, has completed his visit to the Sudan, where he met representatives of all the Indian units now there and told them that they were not only fighting the King's battle, but the battle for their Motherland and that they would return victorious.

He said he was glad to see the Indian troops in Sudan in such good heart and health.

"The units engaged in recent battle," he said "have done splendidly apart from the courage and skill displayed. When the full details are published, they will reveal that the Indian troops have lived up to the highest traditions of the Indian Army with its reputation for clean and brave fighting." — Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR LOSSES IN LIBYA

Between December 22 and the fall of Bardia on January 5th, the R.A.F. in Libya destroyed 30 enemy aircraft in the air and at least eight on the ground, while the R.A.F. itself lost only two planes.

In making this announcement, the Air Ministry adds that throughout the period in question, Italian opposition in the air decreased, except for January 4th and 5th, and on those days it was unable to achieve success.

This is doubtless due (the statement continues) to the unrelenting R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes and landing grounds.

R.A.F. fighter planes seized every opportunity to harass enemy land forces.

One example was the destruction of five Italian staff cars by the R.A.F. which machine-gunned them from very low levels. — Reuter.

BELGIANS IN KENYA ON OFFICIAL VISIT

It is announced from Nairobi that the Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, M. Pierre Ryckmans, and the General Officer Commanding the Belgian Congo forces, have arrived there on an official visit with the Belgian Minister of the Colonies, M. de Vleeschauwer. — Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS OFF

Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is to act as President Roosevelt's personal representative in Britain pending the appointment of a new United States Ambassador left for England by Clipper yesterday morning. — Reuter.

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OPERATIONS BEGIN AGAINST TOBRUK

NEWS THAT OPERATIONS have begun against Tobruk, which is hailed with great satisfaction in both London and Cairo, shows that British mobility and power to attack has not been affected by the whirlwind onslaught which resulted in the fall of Bardia.

Conjectures as to the next move, and the possibility of an Italian counter-attack, were the subject of comment by a London military correspondent yesterday.

An effective counter-attack, he says, can only come from Tobruk and General Wavell will obviously have taken all necessary precautions. Such an attack, in view of the speed of the British advance, seems increasingly remote.

General Wavell has surprised the Italians often, the correspondent continued, and he may decide to take advantage of the nerve-shattered condition of the Italians as a result of Bardia.

Nearly 70,000 Italians have surrendered in the Western Desert operations so far, and this does not include the unknown number of casualties. It seems likely, however, that Marshal Graziani has lost practically a third of his original force, which has been estimated to be around 250,000.

The Western Desert operations will probably have a marked effect on the morale of the Italian troops in East Africa.

An Italian communique yesterday mentioned action by British naval units off the East African coast.

Grave Peril

A correspondent who visited Bardia said that he was captivated by three Italian gun-crews with their hands in the air, waiting to surrender.

Speaking of the Australian troops, he said:—"They looked terrifying with their tin helmets over their balacava hats!"

Another correspondent says that the Italian position in Eastern Libya is now in grave peril.

A report from Cairo says that the Italian air force has been compelled to withdraw from a number of advance striking bases, and now seem to be operating from fields chiefly west of Tobruk.

It is understood that some airfields in the Tobruk area have already been occupied by our forces and may be in use by our bombers. — Reuter.

BOMBED SHEFFIELD

The King and Queen visited Sheffield yesterday and toured areas which suffered damage and casualties in a night raid three weeks ago.

Their Majesties had a very warm welcome from crowds which included many rendered homeless by the Nazi indiscriminate night bombing.

They saw streets of humble homes where scarcely one house was left intact. They talked to many groups of dwellers in these streets as well as to civil defence workers. — British Wireless.

KING FAROUK'S CONGRATULATIONS

KING FAROUK OF EGYPT HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MIDDLE EAST.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, who is at present at Luxor with the King, yesterday telephoned General Wavell, expressing the King's great satisfaction at the British victory.

Enthusiasm is expressing itself everywhere in Egypt at the second British victory within a month. — Reuter.

MORE AMERICANS EVACUATE

Another batch of more than 100 Americans, mostly missionaries and their families, evacuated yesterday when the President Pierce sailed from Shanghai for America via Japan. — Central News.

DIRECTOR KNIGHTED IN FACTORY

The accolade of knighthood was bestowed for the first time in public in a factory during the tour of bombed Sheffield by Their Majesties the King and Queen.

They first visited a big steel-works, where they saw war production in full swing unhampered by the effects of a raid.

At the end of the visit, the King mounted a dais with Allan Grant, managing director of Thomas Firth and John Brown Limited, who had conducted him round.

Grant knelt before the King who, taking a sword from an equerry, touched him on both shoulders, saying:—"Arise, Sir Allan."

Hundreds of workers gathered round and cheered. — Reuter.

THE CINDERELLA PART TO GO

The Queen has accorded her patronage and has given donations to a new civil defence comforts scheme organised by the Ministry of Home Security.

"Often in the past," states the official announcement, "these men and women engaged on civil defence have felt themselves members of a Cinderella service."

"They spend long hours on duty every night in all weathers, throughout the country."

Local committees and a central fund are to be set up. — British Wireless.

CANTON CUSTOMS REVENUES

Interviewing reporters in Canton yesterday, Lin Yau-kan, Superintendent of Customs, revealed that since the reopening of the

Rome Silent On Events

ITALIAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN ROME YESTERDAY CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE RETICENCE ABOUT THE FALL OF BARDIA.

They admit that fierce fighting was in progress there on Sunday, but are withholding the truth from the people.

Broadcasting in English, one Italian speaker said:—"The British operations have been a complete fiasco!"

He gave no hint about the loss of guns, tanks and other war material worth, according to one observer, many millions of pounds sterling. — Reuter.

BARDIA ENLIVENS STOCK EXCHANGE

THE BARDIA VICTORY CREATED A GOOD DISPOSITION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND DESPITE THE LACK OF ANY WIDE-SPREAD TURNOVER, PRICES GENERALLY IMPROVED.

Gilt-edgeds were again bought at higher levels, while Indian loans showed substantial gains.

Chinese and Egyptian bonds were well supported, home oils were better, oils and rubbers were firm, Kaifirs strengthened on the Cape and there was local buying.

Wall Street was quietly steady. — Reuter.

JAPANESE ROADS ON BURMA ROAD

Continuing operations, six Japanese bombers, escorted by three pursuers, again attacked in south Yunnan yesterday.

They dropped scores of missiles, most of which landed on open fields.

An undivulged point on the Burma Road was also bombed by nine other Japanese aircraft.

Early yesterday morning, a scouting plane conducted a reconnaissance flight over a wide area along the Yunnan border and the Burma Road. — Central News.

Canton Customs, monthly collections of duties for 1940 varied between a maximum of \$1,200,000 and a minimum of \$300,000 (National currency) according to the Canton Daily Sun. — Reuter.

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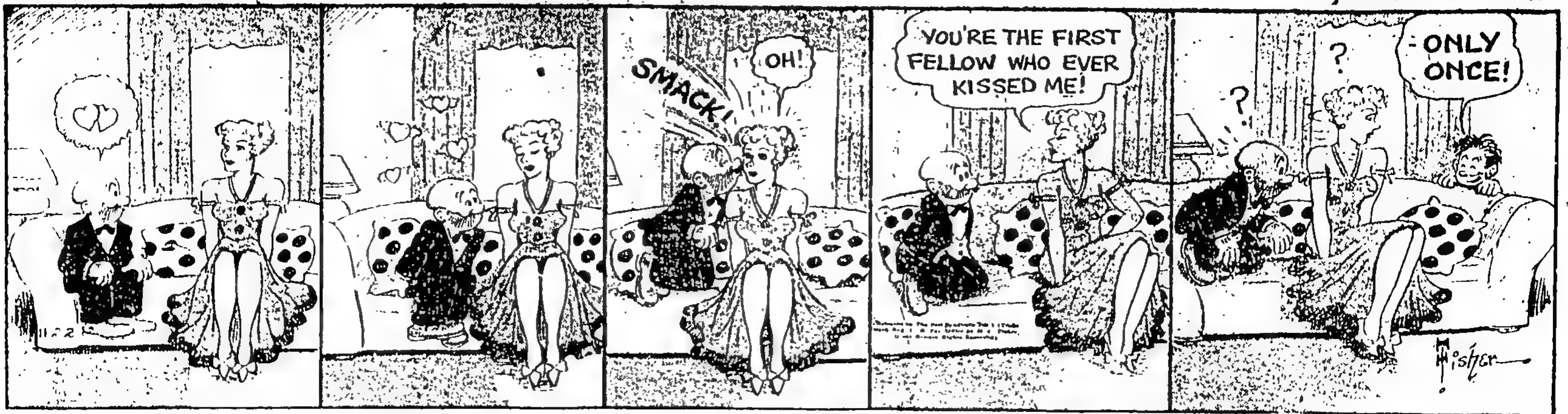
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AMY JOHNSON MISSING, FEARED DROWNED

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AMY JOHNSON, the famous British aviatrix with a remarkable list of record long-distance flights, including the east to west crossing of the Atlantic in a light sports plane, is feared to have drowned while serving in the R.A.F. Auxiliary Service.

Amy Johnson, former wife of Captain James A. Mollison, with whom she made the trans-ocean flight, was last seen yesterday parachuting into the Thames Estuary from a plane she was delivering as a "ferry pilot."

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A speed-boat hurried to the rescue, but only found the papers authorising the flight.

An official announcement says that the aviatrix is "missing, feared drowned."

It will be recalled that in 1934, while visiting the United States, she predicted that women would participate in military aviation in the next war and that she would volunteer. — International News Service.

LOOKING DOWN ON MONT BLANC

Even in the midst of war man never seems to lose his appreciation of the beautiful. That is one of the curiosities of human nature. Recently, an R.A.F. pilot, having reported the details of his attack on the Fiat works at Turin, spent the rest of the day telling his companions in the Mess all about the magnificent view he had had of Mont Blanc as he flew back over France.

He had set off from his base in England just as the moon was rising, and, though there were patches of cumulus cloud over the French coast and some fire from the German ground defences, inland the sky was clear and below all was quiet. When he reached the Alps there was a bright moon shining on the snow-covered slopes of the mountains. They looked beautiful, with Mont Blanc sticking up above the others, its long summit three thousand feet below the pilot and lower still the sharp peaks of other mountains clustering around it.

"I have never seen a sight like it," the pilot said. "On our way back from Turin we were between the moon and the mountains, and I drew a picture in my log book of the towering mass of Mont Blanc glistening even more sharply in the moonlight and standing out high above the cloud base below. It was the last memorable sight before our journey home, which was uneventful except for more 'flak' over the French coast. I hope it won't be long before I see that sight again."

That the journey means a non-stop flight of 1,600 miles is of no account.

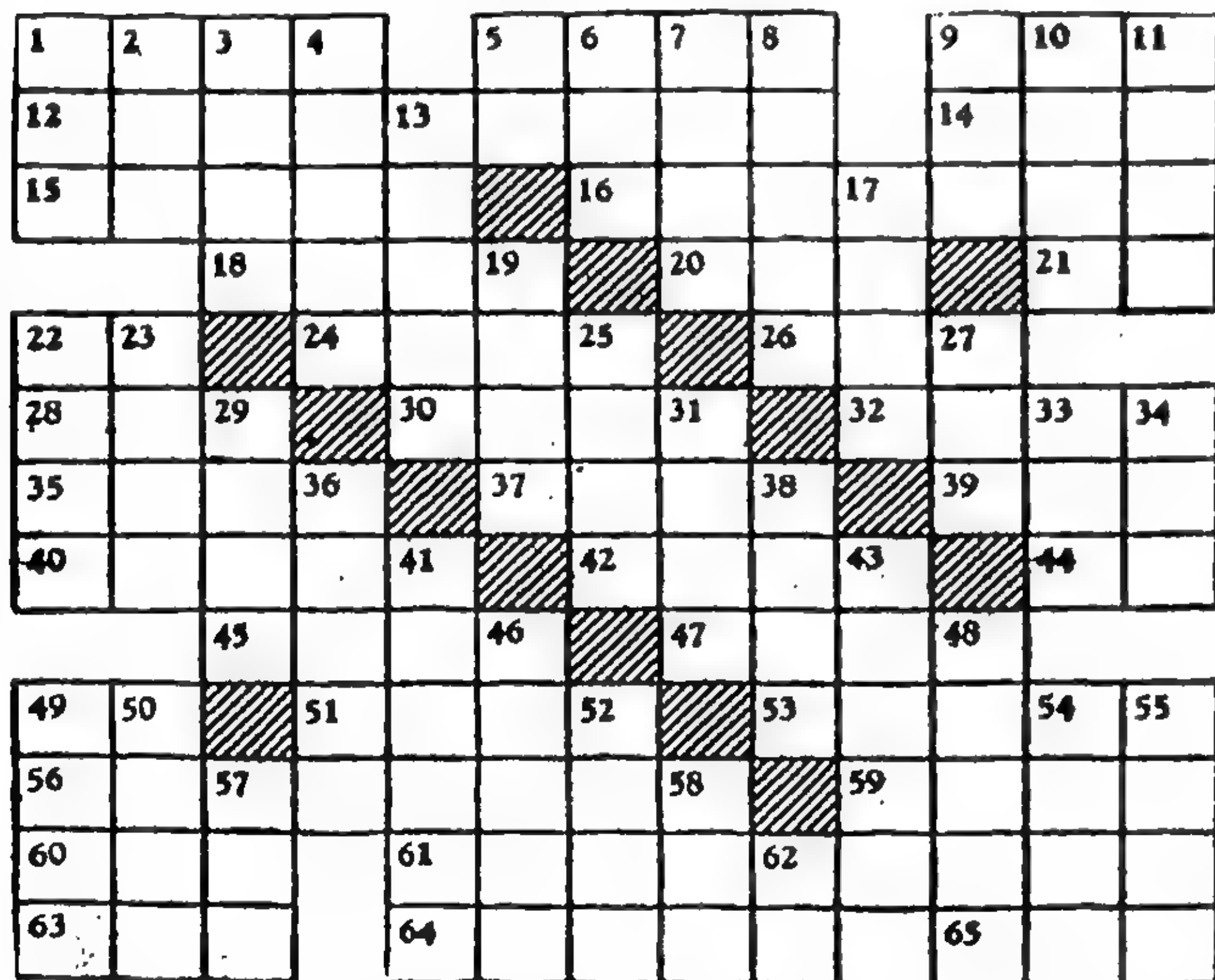
PERKY LONDONERS

A young officer of the R.A.F., veteran of many long-distance raids over Germany, was posted to London. What he saw so amazed him that he wrote to his friends:

"We have had an extremely noisy time lately, nightly raids and six or seven raids a day. The major nuisance at night time is the gunfire which at times is plain hell; I have moved from one lot of digs as the windows and roof were removed by H. E.'s that fell 25 yards away. Fortunately they fell in the grounds of a college, and the major portion of the damage was caused by large hunks of a concrete squash court that were hurled for distances of from ten to 25 yards.

"The amazing thing here, in London town, is the spirit of the man in the street. After three weeks of night raids, lasting from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and then spasmodic daylight raids, people are more perky than they were before the fun started; and it's all taken as a matter of course."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To fling
- 5 To help
- 9 Turn right
- 12 To banish
- 14 To be off
- 26 To hesitate in speaking
- 28 Title of respect
- 30 Carbonic substance
- 32 Network
- 35 War god
- 37 To penetrate
- 39 High hill
- 40 To respond
- 42 Highlander's skirt
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Turkish coin
- 47 To trudge
- 49 Note of scale
- 51 Planet
- 53 Palm genus

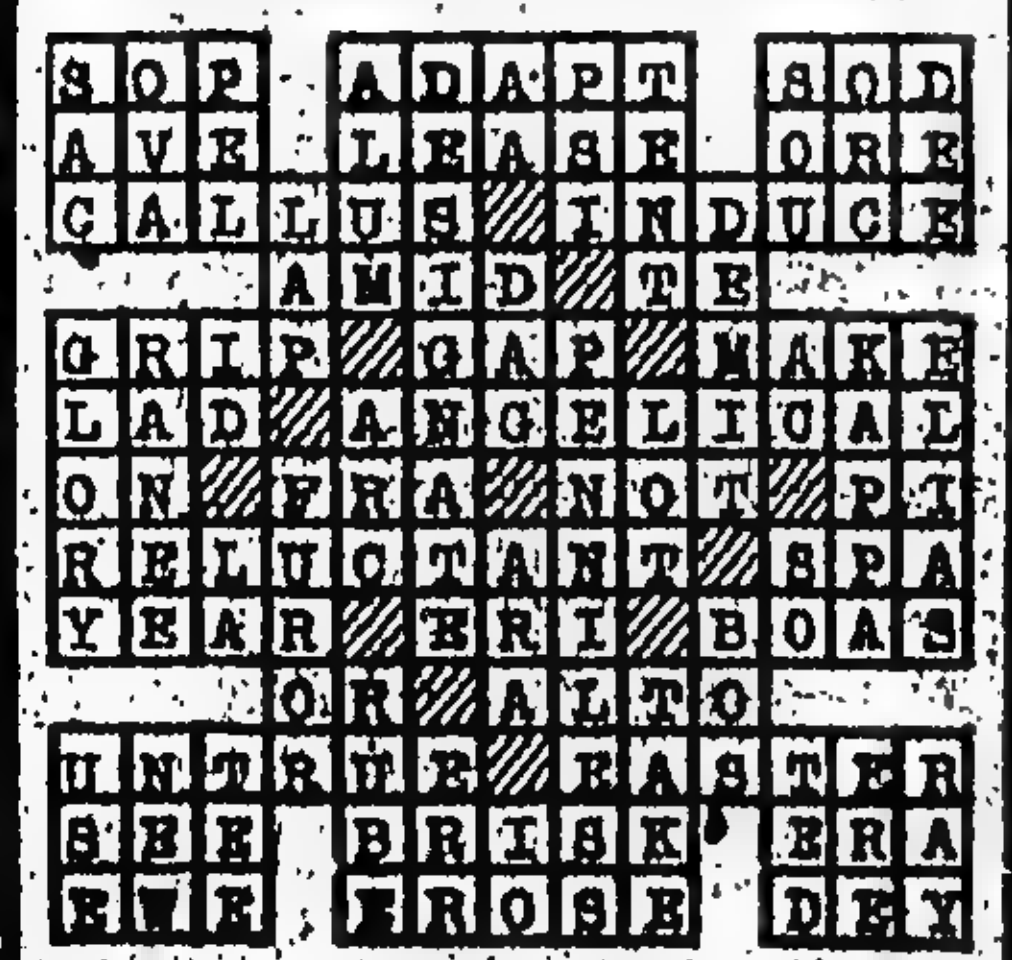
- 56 Institution for the care of the sick
- 59 Image
- 60 Predatory bird
- 61 Optical instrument
- 63 Period of time
- 64 To drudge
- 65 Up to now

VERTICAL

- 1 Lettuce genus
- 2 Ember
- 3 To pack
- 4 Gathering
- 5 Symbol for actinium
- 6 Seized with the teeth
- 7 Man's name
- 8 To instruct

- 9 African antelope
- 10 Every
- 11 Fencing sword
- 13 Book of maps
- 17 Expensive
- 19 Amphibian
- 22 Glacial ridges
- 23 To discharge
- 25 Removed
- 27 Moist
- 29 To harvest
- 31 To stumble
- 33 To tug
- 34 Before
- 36 Rogue
- 38 Girl's name
- 41 Characteristics
- 43 Kind of lens
- 46 Union of workers
- 48 To entice
- 49 Furnished with shoes
- 50 Midwestern state
- 52 Spanish for "room"
- 54 To contend
- 55 The dill
- 57 Furtive
- 58 Bulgarian coin
- 62 Symbol for selenium

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PIERRE--AN EPIC OF THE DESERT

BUSTLING IN AND OUT of a gracious, old-fashioned mansion in a Cairo suburb, every day are heroes of the most daringly romantic escapades of this machine-made war, writes a correspondent.

A brass plate on the door of the mansion says, *Comite National Francais*. On the arms of the men is the Cross of Lorraine.

I have met dozens of these men, who for freedom's sake have struggled through deserts and battled their way across perilous seas and hostile skies.

Some go on to join units fighting in the Western Desert. Others remain at headquarters where the growing staff keeps in touch with sympathisers from Stockholm to Shanghai.

The adventures they have had getting here are epic.

Vivid Adventure

Take the case of Pierre (I cannot give his surname, for his family are still in France).

He slipped across the Syrian border one evening to reach Palestine and got lost.

For 15 terrible days he wandered desperately in the stony, sun-scorched wilderness.

Twice friendly Bedouins gave him food and drink and sent him on his way. But never once did he consider retracing his steps.

Finally, with blackened skin and half demented by heat and thirst, he stumbled into a Palestine village and collapsed.

Now he is commanding a detachment for Free France.

Submarine's Trip

Then there is Jean, whom I first met flying back from Malta two months ago.

He is a submarine commander, and he managed to slip out of Tunis with his vessel some weeks after France's collapse. He weeded out the doubtful elements—mostly petty officers—and he made for Malta with a skeleton but reliable crew.

Puzzled British bombers flew out to inspect this strange submarine, but they held the attack until the commander managed to explain himself. Then they escorted him to Malta and freedom.

Almost the best is the story of Rene. He was a lieutenant of the *Meharist* Camel Corps in North Tchad, and in its first moment he wanted to join the Free French movement.

But superior officers wavered, and tried to persuade him to wait.

Tortured By Thirst

So Rene and three N.C.O.s with their camels set off on a 450-mile trek to Khartum.

Tortured by thirst, blinded by the sun, and mocked by mirages, they made the journey, and the first news they heard when they stumbled into Khartum was that Tchad had joined De Gaulle.

There was a message waiting for Rene to return immediately to take over an important post.

Dramatic Episode

Cyprus was the scene of another episode packed with drama. The first battalion of a French infantry regiment were stationed there, and when France collapsed the regiment's colonel came over from Syria, paraded the men, and delivered an harangue preaching loyalty to Vichy.

When he had finished there was dead silence for a couple of seconds. Then half the battalion broke spontaneously into the *Marseillaise*. That was their answer.

Those who sang are now in Egypt, and those who remained silent returned to Syria.

Vive La France

There are dozens more. Charles drove an armoured car clean across Syria from Aleppo, forcing every barricade, holding up every picket at the point of a rifle, and finally scorching through the frontier barrier into Palestine with shouts "Vive la France."

Matrice had to steal back his own magneto from the authorities and clean up two machine-gun posts before he could fly his plane away from a Syrian airfield.

They come every day. Already the gracious old-fashioned mansion in the Cairo suburb is overflowing as its two predecessors overflowed. Soon they'll have to find other quarters.

Already French units have been in action against the Italians in

CANARY'S SONG GUIDES RESCUERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Wedge in a crevice under twisted girders and a pile of wreckage, a canary in a battered cage sang its way to freedom and the freedom of nine raid victims who were trapped in a London tenement.

The trapped people were too exhausted to cry out, but the canary's merry notes guided wardens and A.F.S. workers, who altered the course of their tunnelling to the spot.

The result was that nine people were rescued alive, though six bodies were brought out a little later. It is thought that five more dead are still under the wreckage.

I stood on the pile of wreckage which a few hours before had constituted the home of some 30 people—happy workers living in houses which had been converted into flats.

While I was there a faint cry from another spot told the wardens that there was further life there. A few minutes later an A.F.S. man emerged carrying a little boy clothed only in a torn shirt and covered from head to foot in dust and grime. He had been in the wreckage for more than 10 hours. The boy grinned at me and whispered: "Can I have a warden to rescue me?"

Crypt Shelterers Escape

More than 500 people sheltering in the crypt of a London church were unhurt when a heavy bomb struck the side of the building and exploded in a pit. A woman standing in the street at a bus stop, however, was killed, and minor casualties were caused by flying glass.

The damage to the church itself is mainly superficial, but priceless stained-glass windows were shattered by the blast.

A 14-year-old foreign boy saved a London bus and passengers from falling into a bomb crater by standing in the road and shouting "Stop."

WITH THE SEA BARRAGE BALLOONS

(By A Special Correspondent)

"WE ARE WAITING for the long-promised invasion," said Mr. Churchill in his broadcast to the French people. "So are the fishes." And so is the Royal Navy at the invasion ports, waiting to pounce and destroy the fleets of barges launched on their reckless gamble.

Wintry weather has new problems. Mists and drizzle envelop the sea one day to conceal the Nazi armada; next day a gale lashes the water into a cauldron that makes barge invasion seem fantastic.

The Navy keeps its ceaseless watch by night and day, and as I stand gazing out to sea at the dark grey silhouettes of warships slipping through the haze I realise thankfully the strength of Britain.

And while waiting, the Navy does its workaday jobs. I raced out this morning in an R.A.F. plane when a convoy was assembling in a heaving sea, a half-gale blowing. On the pier I noticed the admonition "Book early" as I jumped aboard for a "trip round the Fleet." Craft of all types, from dirty coasters to warships with raking lines, were moving across the Western Desert.

French pilots have taken part in raids all over the Middle East. Their fighting forces are growing steadily in strength.

AMERICAN FIREMEN AMAZED

By Londoners' Calm

Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, the London representative of the "Chicago Daily News," despatched the following cable to that newspaper:

Three New York firemen, Chief Daniel A. Deasy, of the Bronx Division; Chief Frederick G. T. Wedemeyer, of the Marine Division, and Fireman George T. J. Scott, of the New York City Fire Department, who have been sent to London by Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, to study how the London Fire Brigade fights the "blitz" fires, received the Press with much pomp and ceremony. They are beginning their two months' investigations with great enthusiasm for the work of the London fire-fighters, and admiration at the calmness of the people during raids.

"Why there is more excitement in New York at a little fire than there is here at what the English call a 200-pump fire," Battalion Chief Deasy told us.

The pupils come to the master to learn, is the way he explained their visit to Britain.

He seemed more impressed with the efficiency of the rescue squads and firemen than with the air raids themselves. From his experience as a gunner in the last war he felt that London's barrage was pretty good.

Debris Clearance Speed

His views on the speed with which the debris of the raids is cleared seemed to surprise the majority of the British Pressmen present, whose main complaint is at the slowness of the authorities to mend bomb craters in the streets and to clear away the debris.

As tin hats are more essential in London to-day than the umbrella was formerly supposed to be, everyone wished to know if the New York firemen were equipped with the protection without which no one ventures out at night. Deasy said the Fire Brigade was giving them hats. They had asked at the American Embassy but had been told, "You go out with your soft hats and we will try to get you one."

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cording to some plan that baffled a landsman.

Strange Cargo

The strangest craft of all is that which has nothing else for cargo but a barrage balloon. These balloons carried with the convoys have proved their worth time and time again in scaring off the dive bombers.

By courtesy of the R.A.F. Commanding Officer here, a Canadian wing commander with wings and medals of the last war on his tunic, I boarded several balloon barrage ships, the newest branch of the Navy and a sea-going section of the R.A.F.

Three R.A.F. men go to sea with each of these balloon carriers; the crews consist chiefly of hardy fishermen.

Then we boarded a ferry barge that takes the balloons from the shore to their floating stations and back again. Mysteriously it carries ballast up and down the Thames,



RUSSIA NEXT?

Some of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected. He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war. Stalin's obvious jumpiness and movements of the Red Army as a result of increasing German concentrations towards Eastern Europe may, therefore, not be altogether misdirected.

It has been taken rather for granted that German concentrations in Rumania represent the prelude to a move to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean with a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, or, alternatively an attack towards Salonika through Bulgaria.

However, neither Germany nor Russia has held forth much serious pretence that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable and, apart from M. Molotov's rejection of Nazi overtures a few weeks ago, there are many reasons why Hitler should turn his legions in the "Mein Kampf" direction—the Ukraine. The Ukraine is a land dripping with riches and fat; it would provide the Germany of Hitler with virtually all he wants both for military adventures and the purposes of peace.

Where inclination joins hands with advantage, the temptation to a man of Hitler's calibre may well be irresistible.

The uneasiness of Bulgaria and the confident belligerence of Turkey all suggest that Axis-Soviet relations are not of the happiest, that, in fact, Russian interest in the Balkans and especially in that historic focus of Russian aims and fears—the Dardanelles, is maintained. Even Ribbentrop-draped rainbows across the Himalayas failed to seduce Russia into co-operation in obtaining for Hitler a throttling grip on the Black Sea.

All to-day is, of course, speculation. The next Axis move may be in the direction of frightening Bulgaria away from her inclination towards Russia. It may be an attack on vulnerable Yugoslavia. It is almost certainly a shift of scene from the invasion port zones.

The Russian question mark will loom very largely until the next Nazi objective is disclosed by definite action.

As destruction by bombing goes on, reconstruction is in the air as well. Sir John Reith has been made Minister of Works and Building. A Cabinet Committee is discussing the New Model Britain of after the war, while the Government's Property Insurance Bill will supply the financial basis for projects of rebuilding. Only a year ago, all the members of a Royal Commission were agreed that some limit should be set to London's growth—and London holds the limelight now because the capital is both big and battered.

Two hundred and seventy-four years ago, London was burnt down. Then, the city was built again with all speed to restart its life and livelihood and to prevent the migration of its citizens beyond its boundaries. This time, the exodus from the centre of London has been going on for forty years already, and the main problems of life in the London area have arisen from the combination of sprawling residential suburbs and crowded workplaces in the central districts. Rich market gardening land in the London basin has been obliterated by houses, while the most congested and complicated transport system in the world has been needed, not only to link Londoners with their work, but also to furnish their daily supplies.

Now the "Blitzkrieg" has undermined the monstrous artificiality of London. Under fire it has taken more ingenuity and resource to transport, supply and succour

the people of London than it would to provide for the entire population of most countries, if attacked. The task has been discharged with fair efficiency, often (some neutral observers say) because of, rather than in spite of, the lack of centralisation among public services, among independent electricity and gas works and competing dairies and other retail deliverers. There has been elasticity and lively improvisation. But the absolute dependence of London's millions upon distant supplies, and upon a close criss-cross of countless roads and railways stretching wearily for scores of miles, has not been helpful in the defence of Britain. And in many details, too, intensive bombing has given point to the claims of London's pre-war critics; rows of shoddy houses and tawdry tenements have given Goering's gallant airmen easy targets; and the confusion of narrow streets and the absence of broad, straight routeways have complicated both defence and communication.

Overcoming Difficulty

These difficulties have been partly overcome. But their abatement is a first item in any plan to remodel damaged London; this is a golden chance. This is not to say that the blue prints for a New Jerusalem are wanted or relevant. In the Great Fire, most of existing London was burnt down, but even then it was not possible to replan and rebuild the city as a single project or archi-

tectural exercise. The story that Christopher Wren put in a grand design which was rejected is just a legend. Homeless Londoners were anxious to set up house and go to work again, and the city's rebuilding was simply the sum of the rehabilitation of many thousands of families and businesses. All the authorities would do was influence the pattern of restoration by enforcing building standards, by insisting upon brick or stone in place of timber and by banning overhanging houses and narrow streets.

London is still the sum of its citizens, their lives and their occupations. It exists for them, not they for its aesthetic appearance or efficient functioning. Nor is the damage done, or likely to be done, to London as great in proportion as that done by the Great Fire. There can be no Phoenix, because there are not enough ashes; and the first aim of reconstruction, now as then, must be pure utility—to keep London habitable and fit to work and travel in. This is surely the immediate task, not any airy sketching of the city that might have been erected on Thames-side had the design been given out as a single entity to tendering architects instead of evolving formlessly over more than a thousand years. It is a twofold task: to repair the ravages of raids; and to lay down, for the first time effectively, wise building standards—to see that the new buildings are better than the old, wherever possible, more healthy and more convenient, less

crowded and more decent to live in; and to see that streets are straighter and wider than they were.

What "Luftwaffe" Has Done

This is not to say that the planners who have for long despaired of London have no place in its mending. The raids have proved many of their points. It should never have been left to the Luftwaffe to tear down London's slums; and it has taken only a few bombs on traffic routes to show the crazy inconvenience of a development which has set the homes and workplaces of Londoners a day's march apart. Nor should it have needed the shock of bombing to demonstrate the inefficiency of a local separatism that has administered London from a host of town halls and public offices. Plans for elastic emergency transport facilities to carry people out to the inner rim of London, there to be borne off fanwise to their various homes, echo the neglected Bressy Plan for smoother traffic and new routeways for London.

Sir John Reith is not to be asked first to draw up, say, a five-year plan, though his office may indeed hold the germs of the National Planning Board that has long been sought to supervise and control the use of Britain's land. His job is immediate; Government building he will be able to control directly; private building he will be in a position to control because all such building is banned without licence—to eke out building materials and labour. It is an exercise in war economy, to make the best use of scarce resources. In the first place, houses that are needed must at least be made habitable and safe. In the second, public places and thoroughfares must be rendered swiftly usable. And all the time, no bricks or mortar, steel, cement or workmen must be drawn away from essential uses, from the erection of war factories or the construction of defence works.

Problems To Be Faced

To allocate building materials according to a strict schedule of priorities, and to mobilise every available hand for the work and on the sites on which labour is most needed—this is what is wanted to keep London and the other bombed towns as going concerns and to maintain the war effort unimpaired. At present there is delay and waste, houses and workplaces too long out of use, communications and public services too tardily repaired, roads blocked too long by debris. Every effort is being made within the existing frame of organisation to mend matters; there are two Special Commissioners for London to rehouse the homeless and to repair roads and services; and 5,000 soldiers are clearing away London's debris. But authority in the large bombed urban areas is split too small; there are too many Ministries and undertakings concerned; and the districts within which repair resources are singly apportioned are still too confined for speed and efficiency to be achieved. This is, or ought to be, Sir John Reith's duty—to remedy these deficiencies and to give direction and drive to the process of reconstruction.

Planners Are Right

But, in the end, the planners are right. It is quite plain now that London must never again develop as London has done in the past; that every new house or office, factory or street, can be better contrived than the old ones and that the simplification of London's economy must be a first charge upon the ingenuity of the next generation. The immediate task of repair must not, indeed, be obscured by dreams of a better city. But, if that repair is well and wisely done, there will be the beginnings of that city, and the work of Sir John Reith's new Ministry under fire may lay the foundations, in practice and in administration, for a wilder and more progressive work later on. Towns are places for people to live and work in. The object now is to enable them to live and work despite the bombs; the object, then, will be to make it possible for them to live and work healthily, happily, conveniently and efficiently. The one can, and should, lead to the other.

Hitler's Invasion Of United States

America has been the victim of an invasion: an invasion carefully planned and carried out by Adolf Hitler's agents.

It began long before the outbreak of war in Europe, but it has been allowed to develop in comparative secrecy largely because its two main weapons—espionage and propaganda—are not easy to expose.

Enough evidence has now been gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enable some of the facts to be put on record.

The revelations are disturbing to America: they should cause some concern at Britain's Ministry of Information.

The facts show that:

The Nazis have built up an amazingly efficient, widespread propaganda mill in America, directed by Germany's diplomatic and consular officials in Washington and New York;

German agents have been carrying out sabotage in factories making war materials for Britain and America;

Nazi commercial agents are successfully converting American business and financial interests to a policy of appeasement with Germany through the offer of "business advantages" for America in Europe if the Nazis win.

Four Aims

The objectives of Hitler's invasion of America are many:

(1)—To block American aid to Britain either by influencing public opinion—or by sabotage if necessary—but at any rate to stop American intervention in the war;

(2)—To prevent America building up adequate defences for herself in the shortest possible time;

(3)—To create internal dissension in the United States; and

(4)—To discredit democracy as a method of Government.

A variety of agencies have been employed to carry out the invasion.

Working on the sympathies of the seven million first and second-generation Germans in America are the Auslands-Organisation, headed from Germany by Bradford-born Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, who still retains his British citizenship along with his German, and the Deutsches Ausland In-

stitut in Stuttgart which floods America with propaganda.

Free News

The Transocean News Service, from its headquarters in New York, pushes Nazi-slanted news into the hinterland of the United States and South America, and gives its news-service for nothing if it cannot sell it.

The German Library of Information, a branch of the Nazi Consulate in New York, has 37 employees, and gets out such documents as "Polish Acts of Atrocity against the German Minority in Poland," and "Britain's Designs on Norway."

Its special pride is a weekly bulletin called "Facts in Review," which gives the official Nazi views on the war and politics, and goes out to several hundred thousand influential Americans.

Items from "Facts in Review" frequently find their way into small-town American newspapers, and even into nationally-known magazines.

More insidious are the activities of the German Railroads, Information Office in New York, which is headed by suave moustached Ernst Schmitz.

He has retained his full staff, although the British travel bureaux in New York closed at outbreak of war.

He subsidises, with advertisements, newspapers friendly to Nazism, and keeps his German superiors informed of the movements of British ships around New York for the benefit of U-boat commanders.

The German Embassy in Washington and the 24 consular posts throughout America are the most important cogs in the Nazi invasion machine.

Himmler's Spy

Under Nazism Germany's "diplomatic representation" has increased alarmingly. The New York Consulate, for example, now carries 110 on its pay-roll. In pre-Nazi days it never had more than 30.

The San Francisco office has 28. It used to have eight.

The personalities directing Hitler's invasion are typical of Nazi agents throughout the world.

Number One man is Captain Fritz Wiedemann, sinister-looking confidant of the Fuehrer, and his commanding officer in the last war, who directs Nazi interests from San Francisco.

Wiedemann selected a post on the west coast because he felt it was most ready for Nazi penetration.

Herbert Scholz, consul in Boston, is an intimate friend of Himmler, and keeps watch on the activities of other Nazi diplomats as a favour for the Gestapo chief.

Tall, handsome Wilhelm Tannenbergh, economic adviser at the German Embassy, and Schacht's mouthpiece in America, has the special assignment of making American businessmen appeasement-minded by dangling post-war deals with Germany before their eyes.

Baron Edgar Spiegel von und zu Peckelsheim, World War U-boat commander, watches American naval operations in the Gulf of Mexico from his post as New Orleans consul.

Official propagandist for the Nazis is Dr. Colin Ross, who interprets American reactions to his friend the Fuehrer.

Dr. Frederick Ahagen, another Nazi-American who considers himself an intellectual, presents the Nazi point of view at public functions and social gatherings.

Unofficial apologist for the Nazis is Karl von Weigand, pet foreign correspondent for William Randolph Hearst's newspapers.

While von Weigand was in Germany recently Hitler shrewdly gave him an exclusive interview, with the result that von Weigand is now presenting the Nazi case at as many social functions in New York as he can get invitations to.

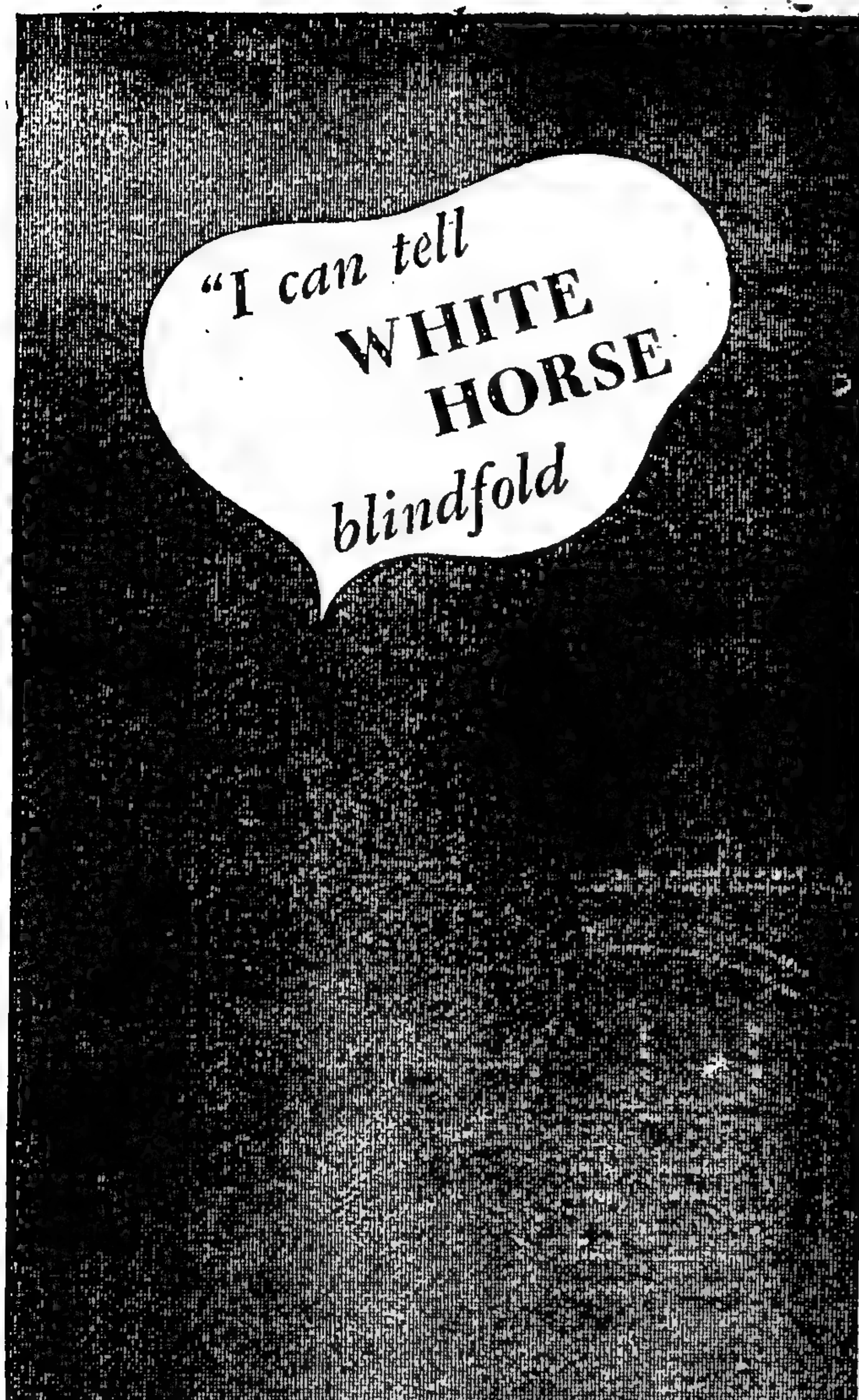
Two counter-attacks can be made against this invasion. One by Britain, the other by America.

To present the British case in America it is essential that the Ministry of Information establishes a wide-awake, news-conscious information (or propaganda) bureau in New York.

To expect the present British propaganda machinery in America to keep pace with the German machine is like backing a cart-horse against a Derby winner.

From America the only counter-attack the Germans would understand would be to break off diplomatic relations with the Nazis and ship the German agents back home.

More and more Americans are backing this step every day.



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After spending four months in Ottawa, Canada, with her husband Lieut. John Farrow, Maureen O'Sullivan returned to Hollywood accompanied by her eighteen months old son, Miss O'Sullivan will report immediately to the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios for work in her new picture, "Male Was a Lady," which stars Ann Southern. She will rejoin her husband in Canada upon completion of the picture.

SCHOOLGIRL, 15, DEAD IN BLOCKHOUSE

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Hagan, Liverpool secondary schoolgirl, was found dead in a road blockhouse just before midnight, four hours after she had left home to buy a newspaper. Neighbours who organised a search party discovered her with her head marked by heavy blows and her clothing muddy and disarranged.

Detectives with police dogs sought clues near the blockhouse. Detectives are searching for an elderly man with a slouching walk who was seen near the blockhouse. They believe he may be able to help them find the murderer.

Several people have already been interviewed, and it has been established that Mary went to three shops near her home.

Merry-eyed Mary Hagan was popular with everyone. Children loved her and elderly people spoke gratefully of her many acts of kindness.

Detectives are investigating a report that a shabbily-dressed, middle-aged man with a slouching walk had been seen hanging about near the blockhouse. Numb with grief, Mrs. Hagan told of the tragedy at her home in Brookside Avenue, Waterloo, Liverpool.

"I sent Mary out about a quarter to seven to get an evening paper," she said. "When she did not return within half an hour I grew alarmed."

"I felt instinctively — I suppose it was a mother's intuition — that something dreadful had happened to her."

"Neighbours organised the search party of their own when they realised how worried I was."

Father's Search

Despite his artificial leg and fear of falling in the black-out, Mr. Hagan, a timekeeper at the docks, joined in the search.

"We left our other child John, aged eleven, in the house in case Mary returned," he said.

"She was a most cheery and normal girl, always laughing and joking. She was to start a week's holiday and had been planning that very evening what she was going to do with it."

Mary was 5ft. in height, and well built. She was wearing a three-quarter length rust brown coat with fur-trimmed collar,

white woollen gloves, a pale blue knitted jumper, and brown shoes. Her identity disc was on her left wrist.

Police issued an appeal for information about her movements.

THEIR SON, TWICE CAPTURED, IS FREE

MR. AND MRS. Joseph Richards, of Dundee, has received a letter from their 20-years-old son Joseph, whom they thought to be a prisoner of war in Germany. The letter came from Gibraltar, where he is recuperating in hospital after being captured, escaping, being recaptured, and again escaping.

He was called up at the outbreak of war and became a driver in the Royal Engineers.

He was in France in May and his parents were officially told in August that he was missing. In his letter he says he and seven comrades were taken prisoners at Rouen.

They marched for 10 days through Northern Belgium. Food and water were scarce. While marching down a country lane Driver Richards managed to breakaway and dive unnoticed under a hedge.

Slept in Barn

He lay there until nightfall, then made his way to a barn to sleep.

Next day he obtained civilian clothing at a house and continued his journey to Le Havre, where he boarded a ship.

But the ship was sunk and he was captured again.

Undaunted, Driver Richards escaped a second time and reached Gibraltar.

from a university post, without first acting as an assistant master. After being a Fellow of Maudslayi College, he became a lecturer and later Canon of Christ Church.

'BLACKMAIL OF KING' LIBEL CASE

A man who said he was a D.F.C. and late adviser to the Chinese Government was charged at Bournemouth with libelling Lord Beaverbrook.

The man was William Ernest Frank Jones, aged 48, of Northbourne Avenue, Bournemouth. He was committed for trial.

Mr. J. F. Claxton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Superintendent Frank Osman, chief of Bournemouth Police, received a postcard marked "Urgent."

In brackets underneath the address was "Copy to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Lord Chancellor, London."

On the back was written: "London newspaper's secret news system proves Lord Beaverbrook instigated murder of Mr. Anthony Crossley, M.P., and Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P."

"Crime Gang"

"Lord Beaverbrook blackmailed Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and the King and Queen of London. Lord Beaverbrook is chairman of a crime gang, international, who promote war, murder, rape."

"Your immediate aid is asked for publication of my book of exposure and for spreading of this essential news. W. E. F. Jones."

Mr. Claxton said that in the course of inquiry other postcards came into the possession of the police.

One of them, describing Jones as "late adviser to the Chinese Government," stated:

"London newspaper's secret news system proves a private pirate submarine operated by the Beaverbrook secret crime gang was responsible for torpedoing the ship in the Atlantic in September, 1940, with 89 of our British children aboard."

"Can Prove It"

"The details I have posted to the Chief Police Commission at Scotland Yard, London, with copy to H.M. the King."

"I wish to lecture to the Bournemouth Mayor, Corporation, and public, about this secret newspaper system. Please reply. — W. E. F. Jones."

Superintendent Osman said that Jones, asked if he realised the seriousness of the statements, replied, "It is true. I can prove it."

He writes that he had been told that Britain had been bombed to bits. His father has sent a cable reassuring him.

Mr. Richards, who served in the Great War as a petty officer and was wounded at Gallipoli, flew the Union Jack outside his confectioner's shop in Prince Street, Dundee, to-day.

BROKE HIS NECK AT FOOTBALL

While playing Rugby football, Ivor Chant, nineteen, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Chant, of Glebe Farm, Street, near Lewes (Sussex) collapsed and it was thought he had sustained concussion.

He was taken to hospital, where he died. It was found that he had broken his neck.

Mr. Geoffrey Ford, of Lewes, an old schoolmate of Chant's, was refereeing the match.

"There did not appear to have been any collision," he said. "The ball went out of touch and Chant collapsed. He was a fine fellow and a fine player."

WELLINGTON HEAD KILLED

Mr. R. P. Longden, headmaster of Wellington College was recently killed by enemy action, it was announced.

Mr. Longden, who was thirty-seven, was one of the youngest headmasters in the country when in June, 1937, he was appointed head of Wellington.

He was one of the few who went straight to a headmastership

LONDON RAID TRAGEDY

BOMB HIT THE ONLY WEAK SPOT ON SHELTER

SCORES OF FAMILIES WERE SETTLING DOWN IN A BIG UNDERGROUND SHELTER IN AN EAST LONDON DISTRICT, WHEN A BOMB HIT THE ONLY VULNERABLE SPOT IN THE POWERFULLY PROTECTED STRUCTURE.

The hit was on a ventilator shaft measuring only about 3ft. by 1ft. The rest of the roof was protected by 3ft. of brickwork, earth and other defences. But over the ventilator shaft were only corrugated iron sheets.

Mothers were killed before they had a chance to protect their children. Babies were swept from perambulators. Three or four roof support pillars were torn down and about fifty people lay in stunned heaps.

About fourteen of them were killed and some forty injured and rushed to hospitals.

With bombs still falling and in the glare of the East End fires, Civil Defence men coolly worked among the debris of the shelter, seeking the wounded, carrying them to safer places, and giving them first aid.

Doctors Worked By Torchlight, Save Lives

Nine doctors answered an SOS and saved lives by improvising tourniquets. They dressed wounds by the dim glow of carefully held torches.

In one family three children were killed. Their parents escaped.

A man, when the smoke and noise died down, searched for his wife, found her lying on the ground and turned her over. She was dead.

Hours afterwards a woman, her head and arm swathed in bandages, was in the refuge room of the shelter, waiting for news of her two children. She did not know that both were dead.

A.R.P. and A.F.S. workers said that despite it all there was no panic.

"The women were magnificent," they declared. The Civil Defence men set a superb example.

Air Warden Sales said: "An A.F.S. man ought to get a medal. He flung off his tunic, organised everyone who was unhurt, whether in uniform or not. He seemed to know exactly what to do and what to say, and it was largely owing to his command that all the dead and wounded were cleared out of the shelter in about twenty minutes." The fireman was Mr. H. Beare, an ex-soldier. He was searching for a purse which his wife had lost in the wreckage.

"I am not so much bothered about the money inside it as the ration cards," he said.

Considering the large number of people in the shelter, A.R.P. workers consider that the toll was very small.

About 150 people had amazing escapes when a bomb scored a direct hit on the railway line in a London area.

The sides of the walls of the shelters in which they stood cracked and dislodged bricks fell in on them. But apart from minor cuts and bruises, there were no casualties.

Nearly seventy bombs were dropped in three south-east London districts, and about twenty-five working class homes were damaged and shop fronts blown out. One damaged house was occupied by a First Division footballer.

In another area, the Mayor and Mayoress were in a shelter looking after about 500 residents. Their house was damaged. The Mayor called for volunteers and men helped him to assist injured persons to safety from damaged houses.

A salvo of bombs was dropped on some productive buildings by fifty bombers which it is suggested had followed a train to its destination.

Men and women workers were trapped in a shelter and were released after about an hour's work by rescuers.

Men who reported at the factory for the night shift were turned back at the gate.

They watched at least eight of the raiders shot down. In the morning, after the "All clear"

had been sounded, work was resumed in parts of the factory.

Several hundred people were evacuated from one area. They took with them what belongings they could carry, and spent the night at schools and institutes.

Though bombs dropped nearby, an old people's home escaped undamaged. Among the inmates is an old woman of ninety-nine.

"She is quite chirpy this morning," said the matron.

Sang Songs - Bomb Fifty Yards Away

As bombs were dropping only 50 yards away, people in a public house joined in community singing.

They sang on, though at times the noise of explosions and gunfire drowned their voices. And the landlord went round with a Spitfire Fund collecting box.

Hundreds of people had arrived at a stadium for a greyhound meeting when a bomb was dropped on the track, almost in front of the totalisator board. Three other bombs were dropped in the vicinity of the stadium, striking houses.

But the spectators stayed to cheer as they watched two of the raiders crashing.

During the night raid a bomb fell immediately in front of a crowded bus, and many passengers were injured by flying glass.

FOUGHT TO CLEAR HIS NAME

A beautiful widow figured in a dramatic episode in the life of Major William Augustus Adam, a former M.P., who has died aged seventy-five, after having fought the War Office for thirty-four years to clear his name.

Major Adam and several other officers of the 5th Royal Irish Lancers were asked to resign their commissions in 1906. Major Adam was appointed a staff officer at the War Office.

He contended that the War Office took their action because an informer had reported that he owed money to a woman.

"I was engaged to the woman, a beautiful widow," he said, "but I had to break off the engagement when I became aware that she was an inebriate."

In January, 1910, Major Adam was returned as Unionist M.P. for Woolwich, but lost the seat at the election in December.

He brought an action for libel against the late Sir Edward Ward, Permanent Secretary of the War Office, for publishing a letter about him, and was awarded £2,000 damages. Appeal Judges decided the occasion was privileged and Major Adam lost his £2,000.

He took the case to the House of Lords, which upheld the finding of the Court of Appeal.

GERMANS SURRENDER

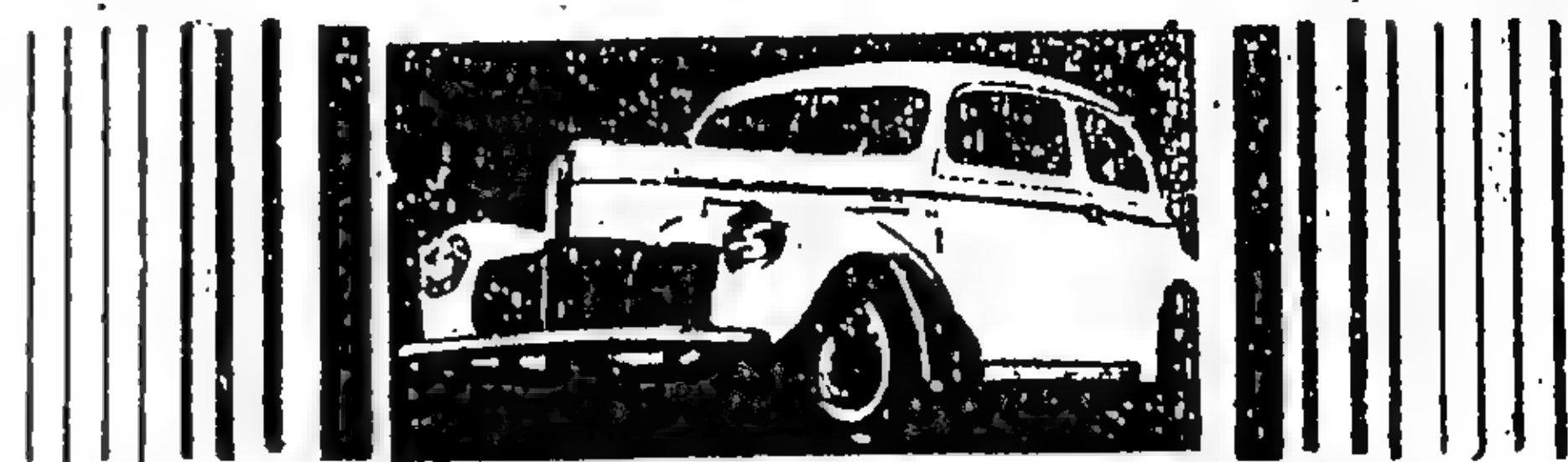
Two German airmen, believed to be the pilot and observer of the bomber which crashed at Hornchurch, Essex, surrendered the next day. They baled out when their machine was hit.

The pilot had leg injuries. The bodies of two other airmen were found in the debris of the bomber.

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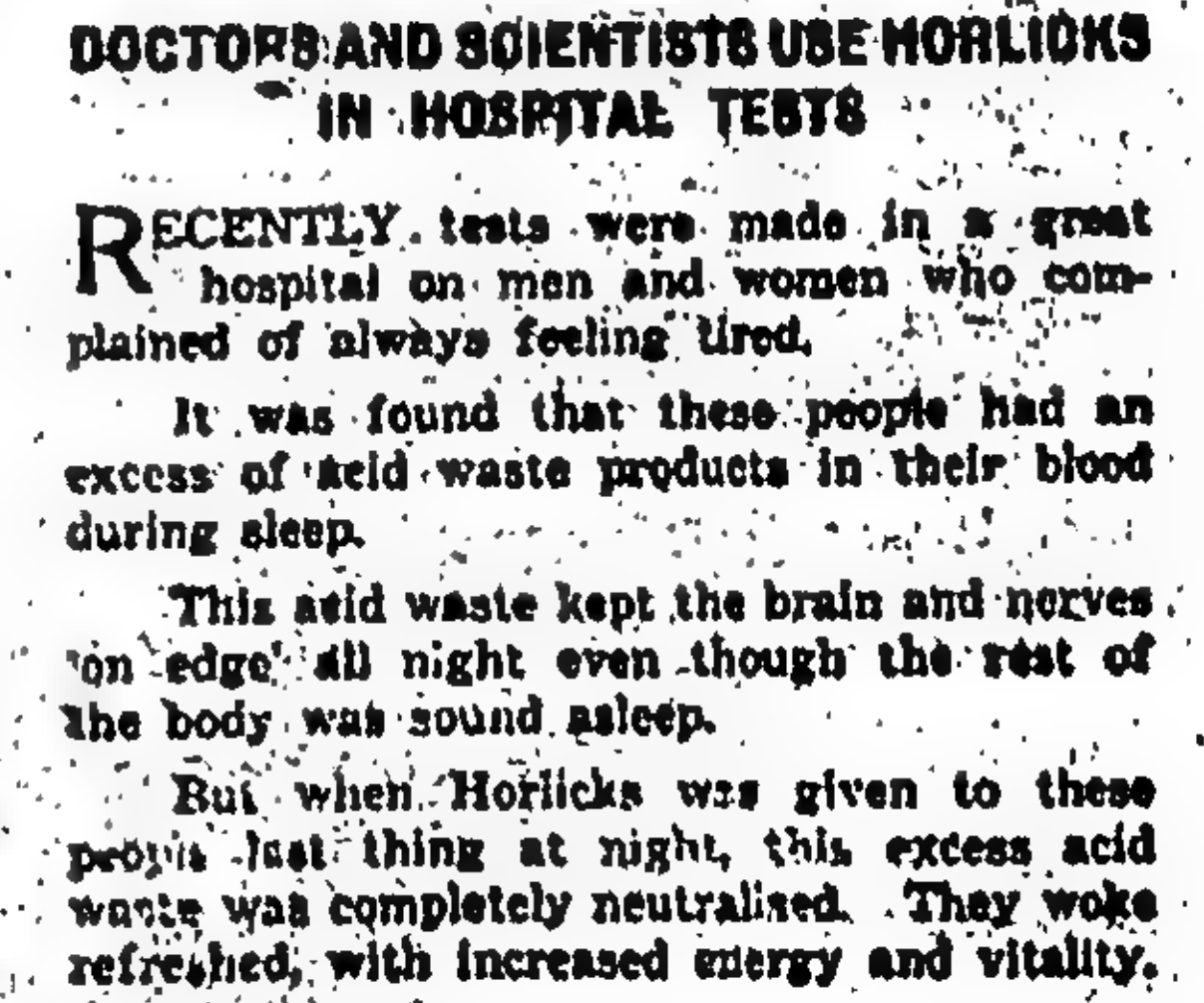
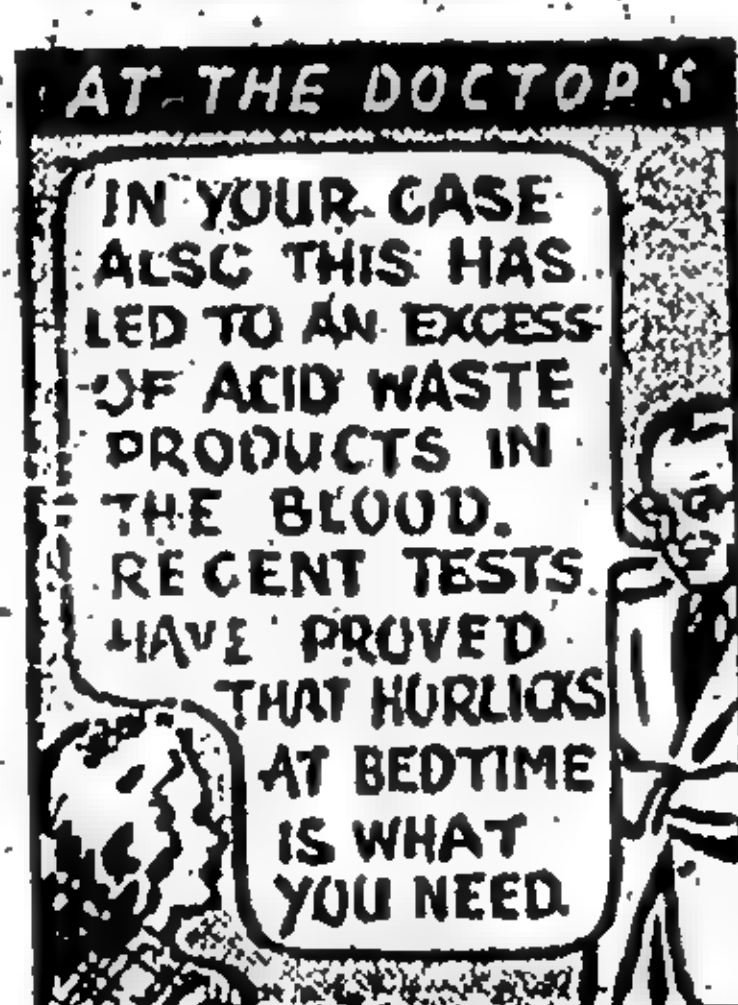
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Secretary.

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BRIDGE NOTES

How To Get To Game By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is one we saw at a well-known club in New York:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7	♥ J 10 6 2	♦ A J 8 5	♣ K J 1 3
♠ Q 10 5 2	♥ Q 8 3	♦ K 7 4	♣ Q 8 5
♠ A 9 8 4 3	♥ 5	♦ Q 10 9 6	♣ A 7
♠ K J 6	♥ A K 9 7 4	♦ 3	♣ 10 9 6 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Naturally North and South wondered why they had missed an almost ice-cold game. North pointed out that he had approached the game in the most impeccable expert style; and South put in that his hand was so bare a minimum (without even a fit for North's diamonds) that he couldn't make a third bid. They finally agreed that the game was "unbiddable" and went on to the next deal.

But the game was far from unbiddable. North's second bid should have been four hearts, rather than just three hearts. What sort of hand could South have with which there would be no play for game? The fault lay in North's understanding of what was "expert style."

An alarming number of good (but not quite expert) players think it crude to bid a game bluntly and directly. They "edge up" on the game by using as many indirect bids as they can think of, as though game were the last thing they had in mind. After a suitable amount of this refined dallying, they graciously consent to bid a game.

All of that, of course, is far from expert style. The expert dallies when he needs information; but when he has that information, he wastes no time in preliminaries. The way to get to game, very often, is simply to open your mouth, make the game bid, and then close your mouth. It's as simple as that!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 4	♥ K 8 6	♦ A Q J 7 6	♣ K J 3
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The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Baroness
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid, three hearts. You have already shown a near-minimum opening bid, but your partner still has hopes of game, as shown by his reopening bid. Your hand is strong enough to give him one more chance.

Score 100% for three hearts, 40% for pass.

Question No. 607

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 7	♥ 9 7 4	♦ K 8 6 5 3	♣ A K 2
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The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Baroness
1♥	Pass	(?)	(?)
What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow)			

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PILOTS NEST IN TREES

TWO FIGHTER PILOTS — A POLISH FLYING OFFICER AND A BRITISH PILOT OFFICER — MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR "JIM CROWS" RECENTLY. BOTH HAD TO BALE OUT FROM THEIR DAMAGED AIRCRAFT — AND BOTH LANDED IN TREE TROPS IN KENT.

The British pilot, who claimed three "probable" German victims, was hit from behind by cannon fire, the shells passing his leg and exploding the petrol tank.

"I abandoned my aircraft," he said, "and delayed opening my parachute for about 12,000 feet. It opened perfectly and I landed on top of a tree in a wood near Ashford."

The Polish officer claimed "half" a Messerschmidt 109 and another Messerschmidt as a "probable." Although he was wounded by shell splinters, he continued his attack until his Hurricane dived out of control. He then took to his parachute and floated down and found his perch on a tree top some miles from Maidstone.

HOMES OF STARS IN DANGER

Magnificent homes and estates of Hollywood film stars are being eaten up by taxes, according to comedian Harold Lloyd.

Smaller places are greatly in demand by players and directors, especially in far outlying sections.

This is not to escape the attention of fans, but to escape city tax rates.

Lloyd was appealing to a meeting of the Los Angeles county supervisors to cut his assessment from nearly £60,000 to £25,486. He owns a magnificent home on a seventeen-acre estate.

A few more years like this he said, and even the richest of the stars are going to be living either in apartments or on distant farms. He added.

"Very well, someone says, if you can't live in your nice home move out—sell it."

"But try it."—Associated Press.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"No thanks, I've been sitting down all afternoon!"

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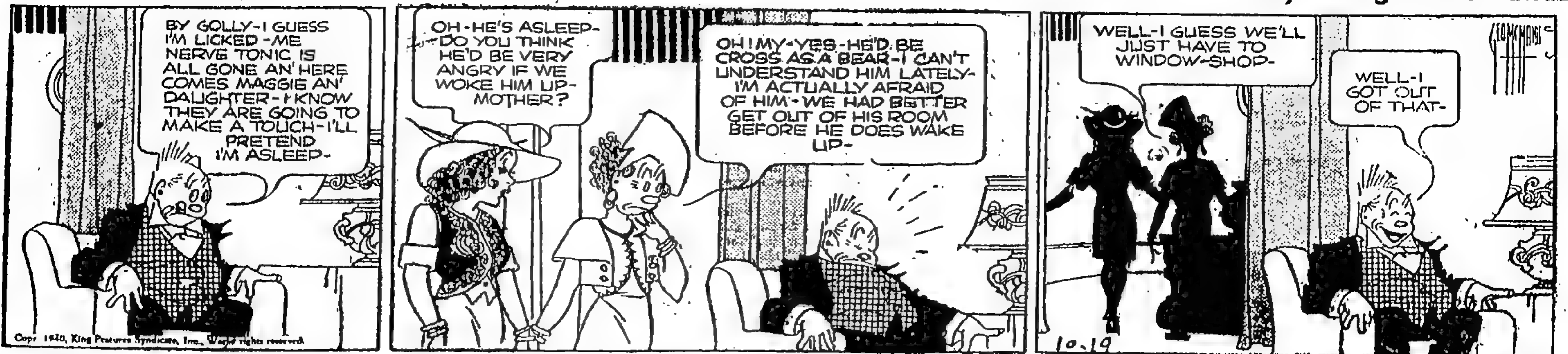
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Be Exotic When You Go To Parties

TO-DAY I want to write to the younger girls, those of marriageable age, with a desire to wed, who have not been invited to become a young man's bride! I want to stress the importance of being exotic when one goes to parties, dances and other places where Prince Charming might be discovered!

Don't be shy about making yourself as compellingly beautiful as possible! If an unusual colour is very flattering by all means have a gown made of that colour. Point up your eyes and your lips with rouge which will contrast vividly and well. Shop around for suggestions that will add glamour to your appearance. For instance, this year the South American influence has made black lace mantillas fashionable, worn over high, exciting hair-dos or a stone-studded comb. If you cannot afford a couple of yards of rare lace, shop for a huge black lace handkerchief, or a black chiffon square bordered deeply in black lace. Wear it with your white or black gown—or even a pastel gown providing you carry the black accent to the dress by wearing black gloves, or having black bows on the dress.

Just because everyone has grown to know you as Plain Sue is no reason why you should sacrifice the joy you can experience by looking exotic! Surprise your friends and come out one evening so beautiful that they will gasp.



MARIA MOORE was not born looking exotic but see what she accomplished!

A Cinderella Story

I once knew a pretty little high-school girl who was very popular with girls and not at all popular with boys. She dressed in the usual sweater and skirt fashion, didn't bother about cosmetics. That was all right for school and sports, but she made the same mistake of going to parties looking just as casual and drab. Of course, the boys (who haven't much discernment at high-school age) passed her in favour of girls who came out with gay fads, and flattering gowns.

Well, the class play was cast and the visiting director spotted our little Plain Sue—but he saw

beneath that drab appearance. He gave her the ingenue lead, and from the night of the dress rehearsal, Plain Sue became the most popular of all girls. How? Sue had been dressed exotically. Her hair was arranged most becomingly, her fresh beauty was expertly pointed up with make-up and her pretty figure (which she possessed all the time beneath those sweaters and skirts) was dramatized by a simple but well-fitting evening gown of a colour which made her ravishing! One look at the leading lady and all the boys became stage-door Johnnies! And from then on no

one ever thought of Sue as Plain Sue, and she had learned her lesson for life!

But while you are growing exotic don't pester the life out of your parents for a large clothes allowance. You must be clever in selecting new clothes, ornaments and gadgets and by wearing them to advantage. That means keeping your figure pleasingly contoured, your skin and hair radiating beauty through diligent care and encouraging the inner-woman to be poised and attractive. A lot of beauty comes from within but you can dramatize it by being exotic without!

Try These Exercises

It was surprising to note how popular foot exercises were with the many people who watched the famous exercise demonstration given at the Denmark Pavilion of the New York World's Fair last summer. There, Neils Bukh, Denmark's pride and glory, demonstrated to the masses how to grow strong and beautiful through corrective exercising.

He stressed foot work to relieve the aches which are so common to us if we stand for many hours, or even sit for many hours. Physical activity keeps muscles elastic and elastic muscles cause no aches.

The foot, Mr. Bukh said, is one of the most abused portions of the human body. Improper shoes, lack of exercise, tight stockings and poor posture all help to give us trouble. Then too, "the foot is falling into desuetude except as an appendage for stepping on the gas." We should walk much more in good fitting shoes than we do!

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Do These Every Day

For these exercises, stand with your feet from six to eight inches apart. Raise the heels from the floor, concentrating the weight of the body on the balls of the feet.

1—Roll gently backward and forward from the balls of the heels, to limber the foot.

2—Stand on the outer edges of your foot, toes curled slightly inward. Walk forward six steps, and backward six steps, in this position. Then combine Exercises 1 and 2 and do them to music rhythm. Five minutes should be spent this way.

3—Rise on your toes and then drop to your heels. Repeat this to a one-two count at least ten times. Then walk around the room several times on tip toes with perfect rhythm in your pace.

4—Now place one foot diagonally forward about two foot lengths. Distribute your weight even on both feet. Roll gently forward and backward by rising on toes and dropping to heels without bending your knees. Do this about twenty times and then change position and put back foot



Up on your toes, down on your heels, with an easy swing!

forward and repeat.

Rhythm Is Important

To get full benefit from these corrective exercises you must do them in rhythm. Do them to a record or music on the radio. Feel yourself swaying as if they were dance steps. Let your body swing as you roll or walk.

And try to be sensible about your shoes. The next time you buy a pair for daytime wear select those which have a broader heel of comfortable walking height. They need not be flat—in fact they may be two inches high if they

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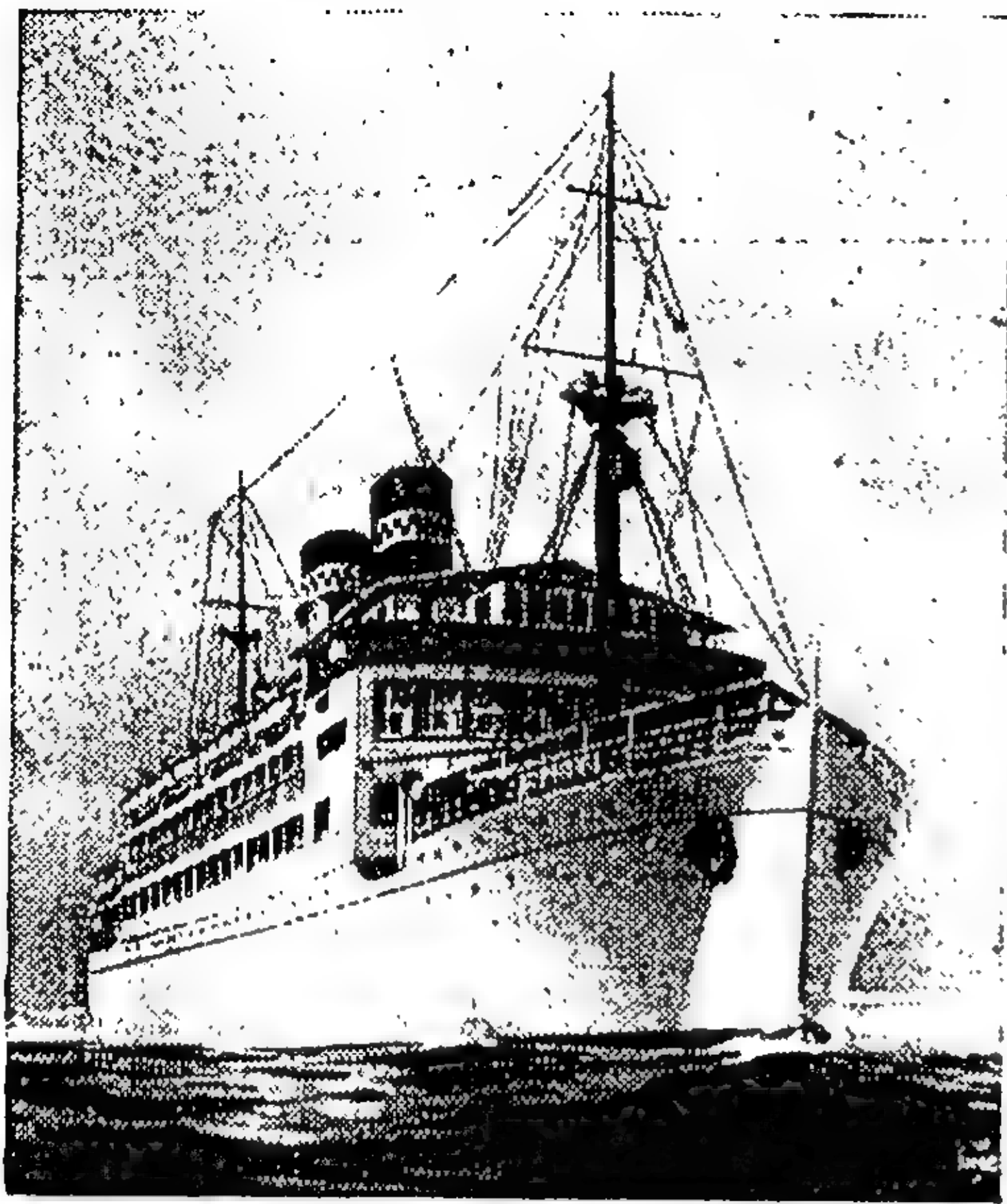
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins, Dorothy Lamour and Dick Powell.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Mother of Pearl" Musical Comedy.
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9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".
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Writing from Hollywood the donors say "Please put the money towards cigarettes for the boys of the R.A.F."

Another useful contribution to the Comforts Fund, which with the approach of winter is making a special appeal for gifts in cash and kind, comes from the collecting box at the recent R.A.F. Photographic Exhibition in Bond Street. Nearly £38 has been subscribed, mostly in coppers, from visitors to the exhibition.

A PROGRAMME FOR THE ENEMY

On the journey home after a raid on Hamburg the crew of one of our bombers switched over to "transmit" and, said the pilot, put over a burlesque of "German news in English" followed by a short selection from the opera of Gilbert & Sullivan.

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MY FIRST DAY

By an Aircraft Woman 2nd Class

The envelope had "Air Ministry" in the bottom left hand corner. My post-ing! I tore it open with eager fingers. Would it be the Orkneys or the Isle of Wight? It was neither merely in—, somewhere in England. (I'm bound by the Official Secrets Act). It was not exactly where I should have chosen but I had now signed away my right to reason why.

Several hours later I was sitting in the waiting room at— railway station, along with six other new members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force. We had all met on the platform. Only one had a uniform, but it needed no Sherlock Holmes to know we had all joined something. Our air of newly acquired importance, tinged with a slight bewilderment at our new surroundings and our service type respirators, drew us together like a magnet.

Outside the station we looked anxiously around for the transport which our orders had said would be provided. After a while we heard the sounds of a lorry. Once again we picked up our luggage. A voice called out from the driver's seat. "Are you the new W.A.A.F.?" From his intonation it sounded like a new breed of animal. "Yes," we all chorused. He jumped out of the driver's seat and came round and undid the back.

"Pile in," he said. "Sorry I can't take you all in front."

We piled in. Around corners and along straight we rattled and bumped. Then, just as we had found a position where the bumps didn't hurt quite so much, the lorry drew up with a sudden stop that threw us into each other's

laps. We peered out but could only dimly perceive a long line of buildings on either side. The

DIG FOR VICTORY

Apprentices at one of the R.A.F.'s biggest training establishments are "going to it" in the national "dig for victory" campaign.

The camp is situated on what was one of the finest country estates in England in Edwardian days. After being let to a succession of market gardeners, the kitchen gardens, orchards and green-houses fell into a state of neglect and decay some years ago.

Early this year the Air Officer Commanding the Station appealed to the personnel to bring the gardens under cultivation again. Apprentices, airmen, N.C.O.'s and civilian employees all came forward as volunteers. In their spare time a wilderness of weeds was removed; six large greenhouses in a tumbledown condition were made serviceable, and tomatoes and cucumbers planted; the ground was dug over; two tons of seed potatoes and thousands of cabbages were put in; lettuces, beans, peas, celery and carrots were sown.

The volunteers are now seeing the results of their labours. In spite of the abnormally dry season and their late start the produce is of an excellent quality. Each section of the Station consumes the yield of its own plot. The N.A.A.F.I. buys the vegetables to be served in the apprentices' and airmen's messes, and credits the units' funds with the current price of the goods. The fruit in the orchards has been placed at the disposal of the station personnel for jam making and bottling.

Though a professional horticulturist might find points to criticise, the Royal Air Force is quite pleased with its amateur efforts. Much tidying up has still to be done. There are greenhouses and frames to be repaired, long neglected hedges to be clipped, paths to be trimmed—these are jobs for the winter.

driver appeared and made a sudden dive for our luggage.

"Here we are," he announced cheerily. "In through that gate. That's your mess."

We struggled up the garden path and knocked timidly at the door. It opened and we saw a sea of faces.

"We're the new W.A.A.F.," we announced.

"Come in," cried someone, and in we trooped. Soon pillows, sheets and blankets appeared as if by magic and the Senior Sergeant initiated us into the art of making a bed to keep as much cold air out as possible. We were given three square objects known as "biscuits" for mattresses. I was told they were filled with horse hair, but after the first night I am willing to believe it to be stones. Six blankets, two sheets and a horse hair pillow completed the outfit.

Three of us had to sleep in one room. The furniture consisted of a dressing table, a large built-in wardrobe, a chair and a locker with three shelves. There was a tiny fireplace shaped like half a cheese. Another bedroom with two beds was on the same floor, while downstairs there were a small kitchen, bathroom, coalhole and the largest room presumably the former dining room, which held three more beds.

"You can sort out your own things afterwards," said the Sergeant, looking at her watch. "It's almost time for supper and I suppose you're feeling like it."

We all agreed, most of us having had no time or opportunity for lunch. For supper there was salmon, bread, butter, pickles and cocoa. There was no tablecloth, only bare boards, but they were clean and the crockery, though thick, was of china, not, as I had sometimes feared, of enamel. There were two long tables, with about sixteen girls at each, but I understood that there were nearly eighty W.A.A.F. altogether. I felt like a new girl at a boarding school, only no one asked me any questions.

We were told to be on parade for drill at 8.10 a.m. Breakfast was at 8.30 a.m. and before going on parade we had to sweep our room and make our beds. I undressed with eager anticipation of a good night's rest. I had slept out in the open in New Zealand and Australia and on bare boards in mountain huts, but I had not slept on "biscuits" before. As we tossed and turned we thought of King and country, of the searchlight and balloon barrage heroes; but always our thoughts returned to the nice mattresses we had left behind.

"Don't be surprised," the Senior Sergeant said next morning, "if nobody asks how you've slept. No one ever does for the first week, but now I wouldn't change my biscuits for the softest bed at Harrods." We looked at her in admiration. Of such stuff are Senior Sergeants made!

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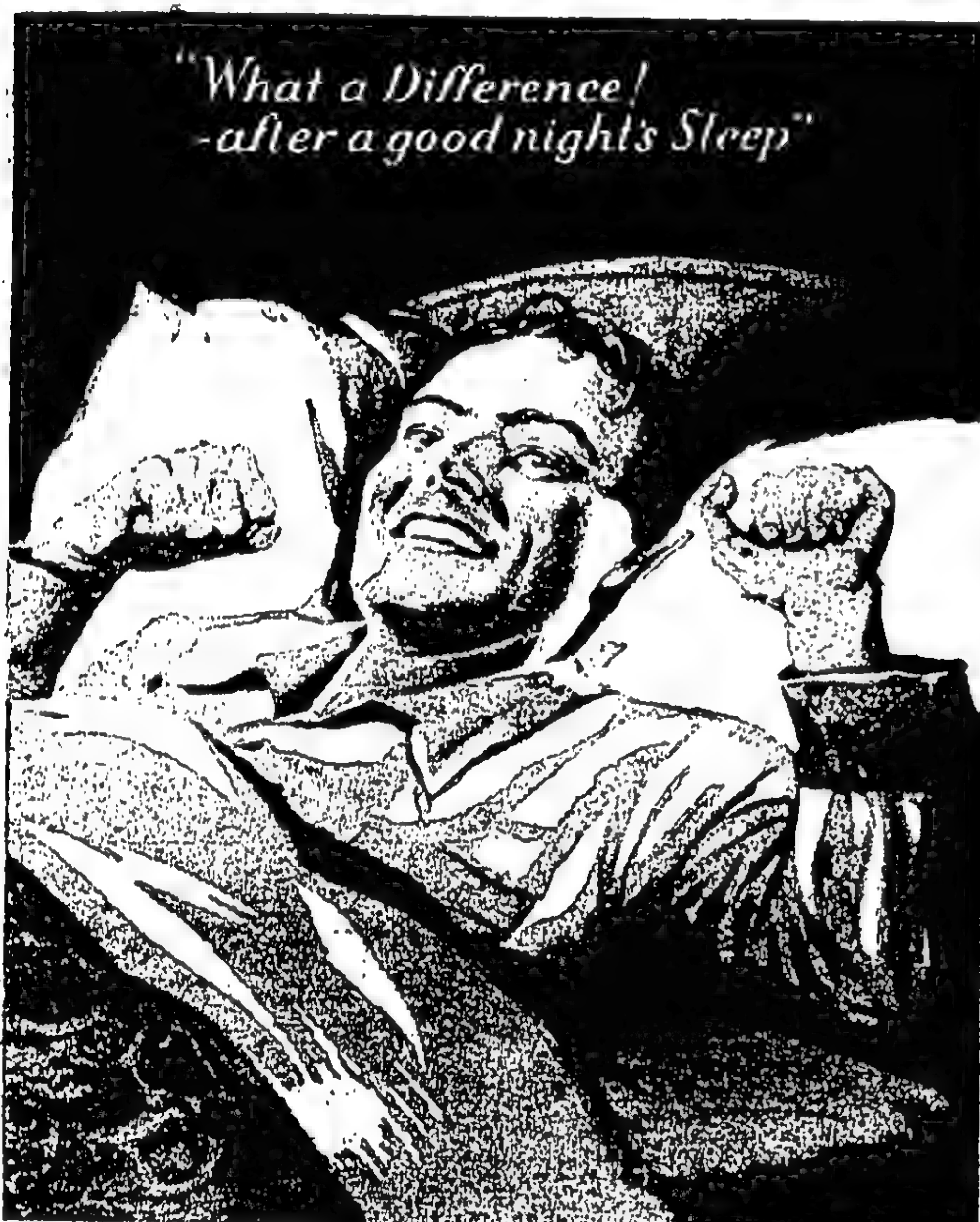
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Boxing Champions In The Making Effects Of U.S. Conscription

ENCOURAGING THE YOUNGER ELEMENT

CONSCRIPTION IN AMERICA IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A NEW CROP OF GOOD BOXERS, STATES A CABLE FROM NEW YORK.

Jimmy Bronson, noted figure in American boxing, who was boxing director of the American Expeditionary Force in the last war, believes that the champions of the future will come from the camps now in existence all over the country. He has expressed his readiness to handle the boxing in the army again, if the United States Government is willing.

"The A.E.F. really remade boxing in this country," Bronson said in an interview. "In the first place, boys who didn't know a boxing glove from a bag of beans, took eagerly to the sport in camp tournaments and some of them discovered they were pretty good and later became professionals."

Products of Last War

"Bob Martin inter-allied heavy-weight champion, and Gene Tunney were probably the two best-known boxers to come out of the last war, but there was a long list of other lads who weren't so bad. Al Noron, Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Ted Jameson, Sergeant Ray Smith, Art Donovan, now America's leading referee, and others."

Steps are already being taken by Mike Jacobs, America's most famous boxing promoter, and president of the 20th Century Sporting Club, Inc., in New York, to provide America's young manpower in training camps with boxing equipment wherever they are stationed.

But it is not with the thought, necessarily, of producing champions that Jacobs has undertaken to supply, of his own accord, the camps with boxing rings, gloves and other paraphernalia necessary for the sport. It is to help the new army to attain greater physical fitness, to add interest to their soldiers' recreation hours, and at the same time to further the cause of boxing. Already he has installed the necessary equipment at some military camps, and others will be supplied with it as soon as possible.—Reuter.

BAN ON PRIZE FIGHTS

Professional boxing has been banned throughout the Osaka prefecture as "unhealthy" under the new amusement enterprise regulations, the Domei news agency reported recently. The regulations went into effect on Dec. 22.

Under the new rule, professional tennis and baseball players were classified in the same category as actors and other performers. Henceforth, these players will have to obtain police registration cards before they may appear in "games for profit."

The regulations, which contained 122 articles, placed stringent restrictions on the sale and distribution of tickets for performances regardless of whether they are benefit affairs for charitable institutions or for private profit.

In Tokyo, police announced they have no intention to adopt the Osaka measures banning professional boxing.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION

R. Scots v Navy
(Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)
Club v Eastern
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

R. Scots v Engineers
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v Ordnance
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Kwong Wah v Middlesex
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v Kit Chee
(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Navy
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Medicals v Engineers
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Air Force v 7th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
International v Service Corps
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Shell v Signals
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
12th R.A. v 24th R.A.
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v South China
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v Kwong Wah
(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Sing Tao v South China
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Police v Service Corps
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v A.S.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
36th R.A. v 35th R.A.
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADRY"

AT Shamshulpo on Sunday in Large Units Hockey league Middlesex and Rajputs drew each side scoring three goals, after the Middlesex had a one goal lead at the interval.

Some good hockey was witnessed in this game which was one of the best and fastest games seen this year in Army Hockey.

Middlesex had most of the play in the second half, and if they could only find a combination for short corners, they would easily finish top of the League. So far neither teams have lost a game yet and both should finish somewhere near the top.

Rajput Regt., on the other hand, have an exceptional short corner combination and scored their three goals from these corners, through Capt. Wood.

Bright scored the "hat trick" for Middlesex.

The first half did not produce any exciting moments, except when Bright scored the first goal after Moggeridge had made a solo run down the wing and passed to Bright who made no mistake, giving the goalkeeper no chance.

The second half soon brought Rajputs on level terms when Capt. Wood scored the equaliser from a short corner.

There were numerous exciting moments in this half with both sides narrowly missing, especially on one occasion when Rajputs' goalkeeper made a brilliant save from Sheehan.

Bright then scored Middlesex's second goal to give them the lead again, but not for long, for Capt. Wood again scored from a short corner with a fine low drive.

Immediately after the restart Middlesex again scored, through Bright who ran in to net one of the finest goals yet seen in this competition after Jackson put over a fine centre.

It then looked as if Middlesex were easily going to take both the points. With not much time to go the Rajput Regt. never gave up hope of getting the equaliser.

They were soon rewarded when they were awarded another short corner for Capt. Wood to once more net the equaliser.

In the Hong Kong Hockey tournament Engineers were beaten by Khalsa at Sookunpoo on Sunday by 3 goals to 1.

Signal Coy. beat 5th A.A. Regt. "A" team by two clear goals after a hard fought game.

Signals were a better combining team and did not give the Gunners much chance of getting through to score.

TO-DAY, at Sookunpoo Royal Scots will meet Middlesex in the Small Units Rugby League to decide the winners of the "A" section of the League. Engineers have already won their respective section.

Royal Scots are in a better position than Middlesex who are a point behind, which means that the Middlesex have to win to make certain of the section.

This game should be worth watching, as both teams have some very good talent.

IN the Garrison Billiards League Signals beat the R.A.O.C. by four points to three.

Billiards

R.A.O.C.	SIGNALS
S/C Gardner 150*	Sgt. Lilly 115*
(21)	(25)
S/S. Emberton 150*	Sgt. Bracken 144
(20)	bury 148
Cpt. Pitt 150	
L/Cpl. Saun- 105	L/Cpl. Murphy 150
ders 83	Cpl. B'ount 150*
L/Cpl. Hobson 83	(21 & 20)
	L/Cpl. Pitcher 150
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* Breaks of twenty and over

The winners of the Garrison Billiards League will undoubtedly be R.A.M.C. who have won this competition for the past two years.

They have only another three matches to play and Royal Scots are their nearest opponents who are 26 points behind.

The Final of the Army Amateur Billiards Championship will be played between Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. and S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.

Cpl. Harvey beat B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A. in the semi-final last week by 62 points. Harvey scored 300 with three breaks of (20), (20) and (23) and Rawlings scored 338 with two breaks of (20) and (20).

S.Q.M.S. Wood defeated Pte. Whybro of R.A.M.C. by one point after a very even game. This was the best game of the competition with S.Q.M.S. Wood scoring 400 with two breaks of (55) and (22), and Whybro 399 breaks of (22) and (30).

It is interesting to note that the Final of the Individual Snooker Championship will be played between Lieut. W. V. Dixon, R.A.M.C. and Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. who are Hon. Secretary, and Clerk respectively of the Hong Kong Area Billiards.

It will be remembered that Cpl. Harvey won this competition last year and we wish him success, and would like to see him win it for the second year in succession.

H.K.V.D.C. have reached the Final of the Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Medical Corps are in the Final of the Garrison Challenge Cup, and will play either Corps of Military Police or 22th Coy. (F) Engineers.

Royal Army Medical Corps have a fine record for Billiards in the last two years having won the following competitions.

Garrison Billiards League (Inter-Unit)	1938
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Garrison Challenge Cup	1938
Garrison Challenge Cup	1939
Soldiers' Club Tournament	1938
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Wyre; R.A.M.C.)	1939
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.)	

IN the Second Division of the Men's Softball League Royal Air Force defeated Cosmopolitans after a very hard struggle by two runs, the scores being R.A.F. 18, Cosmopolitan 16.

Royal Scots suffered heavily to South China who defeated them by 14 runs to nil.

Royal Artillery gained a further two points at the expense of Royal Engineers who were unable to field a team.

YESTERDAY at a meeting of Army Association Football selection committee the following were chosen to represent the Army in the forthcoming "Kotewall Cup" game:—

Bankier (R. Scots), Naysmith (R. Scots), Fraser (R. Scots), Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex), Freshwater (Middlesex), Owens (R.A.), Hossack (R. Scots) Fox (Engineers), Weir (R.A.S.C.) and Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves:—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.), Lawton (R.A.), Guy (R.A.), Pearson (Middlesex), Pelham (Engineers) and Munro (R. Scots).

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m.

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EFFECT OF WAR ON ENGLISH BOXING

International belligerence generally has resulted in the private variety being stimulated considerably. Between 1914-1918 there were twenty-five title fights in England and the Inter-Allied Tournaments during 1918 and 1919 provided an immense stimulus to the boxing game in London.

The Beckett-Carpenter fight brought the game to its apex in London and if their heavyweights were not of the best at the time they had Ted "Kid" Lewis, one of the best welters ever Jimmy Wilde, a strong contender for the title of the finest fly-weight the world has ever seen, and Tancy Lee, who beat Wilde as a fly-weight and then won the feather-weight title three times, annexing the Lonsdale Belt outright for this great performance.

Early Chaos

How, then, is this war affecting boxing in England. For the first month or two chaos reigned. In the Provinces the game struggled on in Liverpool and the north-east, but in London only one hall, the Devonshire Sporting Club, kept the game alive. Then Sydney Hulls, probably the principal promoter in England, began Monday afternoon shows at the Stadium Club.

The boxing fraternity, bewildered by the absence of their greatest stimulant, crept out of their holes and Monday afternoon became get-together day in which the hand shaking and greetings almost made the actual boxing a poor obligato.

STUBBS SHIELD RESULTS

The Second Round results of the Stubbs Shield competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club were:

H.K.S.R.A. received walk-over from Gilman and Co. Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt., R.A.; P.W.D. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank 4 and 3; Education Department received walk-over from R.A.O.C.; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. beat Dairy Farm 4 and 2; Air Raid Wardens beat J. D. Hutchison and Co. 6 and 4; Butterfield and Swire beat Post Office 5 and 4; Dodwell and Co. beat Government Medical Department 3 and 2.

All competitions for the New Year meeting at Fanling were cancelled owing to lack of entries.

In addition to G. M. Park and G. Thomerson, who tied for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund competition 3 up, T. Megarry also had a card of the same value. The three players will now have to play off.

Alice Marble's Claims To Tennis Immortality

Can She Be Ranked Greatest Ever?

Very Big Loss To Amateur Tennis

WHEN ALICE MARBLE TURNED PROFESSIONAL A SHORT TIME AGO, AMATEUR LAWN TENNIS LOST ITS LEADING WOMAN PLAYER OF THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE WAS THE GREATEST WOMAN TENNIS PLAYER OF ALL TIME.

It is always hard to select the greatest player of all time in any sport. This is especially true in the case of women's sports, as playing conditions, especially as regards dress, have changed greatly in the past 50 years.

A few of the women players who have won their country's championship as well as the titles of other countries, especially the championship at Wimbledon, have stood out far above the rest. And it is naturally from among them that the greatest, if there is to be a greatest named, must be selected.

May Sutton Wins Honours

The first to win world-wide fame was May Sutton of California when she added the Wimbledon title to her United States honours. Then came Molla Bjursted, the famous Norwegian; Suzanne Lenglen, the great French player; Helen Wills; Helen Jacobs; and Miss Marble, the last three from California.

That the greatest player of all time is among this group cannot be questioned. Of the above-mentioned players, Miss Wills, Miss Lenglen, and Miss Bjursted won the most national titles, Miss Lenglen and Miss Bjursted were practically contemporaries. Of these two we favour Miss Lenglen as the better despite her famous default to the former.

The Best Player Of Them All

Miss Wills was at her best after Miss Lenglen had begun to fall off in her playing, so there is no way of actually telling which was the better of the two. But we believe that most or all of those experts who saw all of the above-named players at their best would, were they to pick the greatest woman tennis player of all time, name either Miss Wills or Miss Lenglen as that person. And that is as far as we would care to go.

Miss Marble has played very fine tennis during the past two years. Had she continued as an amateur she would undoubtedly have led her field for several years.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. in friendly cricket matches on Saturday:

1st XI v Hong Kong C.C. (Home):—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, H. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, H. Parrott, A. E. Perry.
2nd XI v Army (Sookunpoo):—H. E. Strange (Capt.), J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

During the week-end, A. J. Denham, with a score of 78-10-65, qualified for the Captain's Cup over the Old Course and A. V. Graves with a score of 84-15-69, qualified over the New Course. The week-end was a very successful one.

CARNERA'S SERVICES REJECTED

Giant Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion of the world, told the United Press in an exclusive interview recently that Italian military authorities had turned him down as unfit when he volunteered for active service.

Carnera said he tried to join the parachute corps "but authorities said my 292 pounds would require a special parachute. I have been rejected a total of three times on account of my recent stomach operation."

'VARSITY MAKE NO MISTAKE

If there have ever been any doubts regarding the superiority of University "A" or their prospects of winning Senior Division of the Badminton League, they were dispelled last night, when, at Recreo, the undergraduates beat Recreo by the crushing margin of 9-0.

The match was disappointing in that few really close games were seen and the fact that at no time was any but the eventual result possible.

K. W. Choy, the new University player from Malaya, more than lived up to his reputation, proving to be a player who will be difficult to stop in the forthcoming championships. He has a wide repertoire of strokes, is speedy, and is possessed of brilliant courtcraft.

Recreo's move in splitting up the Oliveira-Remedios partnership was not a success although Oliveira, who paired off with Rodrigues, gave an excellent display in the closest game of the evening, when they only just lost to Chew and Hui after "setting."

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Rec.)
lost to K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee 8-21
lost to H. F. Chew and P. K. Hui 12-21
lost to P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim 13-21
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 16-21
lost to Chew and Hui 19-21
lost to Bun and Lim 9-21
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 10-21
lost to Chew and Hui 20-23
lost to Bun and Lim 16-21

Yesterday's Yachting

The ladies' championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.9 miles resulted:
Redbank 4.44.40 Miss Pritchard 10 1
True Blue 4.46.30 Miss Wilson 8 2
Maureen 4.47.46 Mrs. Whitaker 6 3
Gull 4.49.55 Miss Richards 4 4
Jean 4.51.30 Miss de Chaffoy 3 5
Artemis 4.55.40 Miss Chafflinor 2 6

MAJOR U.S. GOLF TOURNEYS CHANGE TO NEW VENUE

MAJOR GOLF, cradled in the East, appears headed for a lively explorative excursion into the great open spaces of the South-west, producer of some of the game's brightest stars, writes a Chicago correspondent.

The 1941 National Open Championship is set for June 5-7 at Fort Worth, Texas, and the annual convention of the Professional Golfers' Association in session here brought the announcement that the Western Open will be played Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Training Ground

Never before, several veteran professionals pointed out, has the National Open been played in the South-west. And to a man they believe that this section, training place of such stars as Byron Nelson, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Demaret, Ben Hogan, and Dick Metz, will rally behind the 1941 open for a record-smashing attendance figure.

Attendance at last summer's National Open in Cleveland, won by Lawson Little, was the best in years, approaching the huge turnouts of the Bobby Jones era in the late 20's.

Championship Test

While the Colonial Club of Fort Worth will be a real championship test, the average course in the South-west is conceded to be shorter and easier than those in the East. Nelson, current P. G. A. champion and former National Open title holder, has expressed the belief that these shorter courses, calling for expert short iron play, are responsible for the large number of Texas-developed stars now making golf headlines.

The P. G. A. convention went through a routine business session to re-elect President Tom Walsh of Chicago for another year.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB GYMKHANA

A large number of members and friends attended the annual gymkhana of the Equine Sports Club on Sunday. Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield was the judge, while Mr. D. Waterton and Mr. E. L. Startling acted as marshal and starter respectively.

Following were the results of the various events held:

Sword and rings:—1, A. H. Dinnen, 2, A. Brittain.
Potato race:—1, C. C. Chan; 2, A. Brittain.

Handy hunter competition:—1, M. O'Connor; (President's Cup) 2, R. Bluestone.

Tent pegging:—1, A. H. Dinnen (Gary Cup); 2, A. Brittain.

Jumping competition:—1, M. O'Connor (China Light and Power Co. Trophy); 2, R. Bluestone.

Obstacle race:—1, E. Himsforth; 2, H. P. Lim.

Aggregate cup:—M. O'Connor tied with A. H. Dinnen.

Gilbey cup for best dressed competitor:—Mrs. H. P. Lim.

Mafoos race:—1, Yen Fat; 2, Yung Mow; 3, Ah Lam.

At the conclusion of the meet, Mrs. H. H. Yung, wife of the President, presented the prizes.

WILL ABOLISH PROFESSIONALISM

JEAN BOROTRA, new French health minister, has announced a general sports programme pointing toward abolition of professionalism three years from now, and laying major emphasis on amateur athletics.

General recommendations which Borotra has approved stated "professional sport must disappear. Only amateur sport will be continued."

Professionalism will be limited to football, boxing, cycling, and basque tennis was given a three years' lease on life but no longer.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Taking The Count

BY BEST BALL

Recovery is a matter of weight in many fields these days. The term is also of considerable significance in golf. Recovery shots have been part and parcel of the game since its inception and will continue to play a role in the sport for as long as it exists. To the beginning golfer recovery shots seem to play a major function, to the expert golfer they are often few and far between. But there are few if any really perfect rounds and the average player should realise this to develop a proper golf philosophy. Let him take the bad breaks as part of the game and he will be able to play such shots in a calmer frame of mind. It is largely one's nervousness that causes inefficiency here.

Hurried, hasty swinging must give way to smooth, powerful stroking. Take a full backswing and cock the wrists fully so that there is plenty of snap to the wrists as the clubhead digs into the sand. Avoid lifting the head to see what has happened. It must be kept down, while the clubhead swings through. If this is difficult, count to three slowly before raising the head to see where the ball has gone. Constant application to this factor will soon make it a habit. If you have any doubts about the eventual trajectory of the shot, aim at the largest part of the green. The important thing is to get out of trouble in one stroke.

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(Reuter's Special Correspondent At British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

SLIGHT NAZI DAYLIGHT RAIDS

Bombs were dropped in the London area, in Kent and in the Eastern counties by single aircraft which flew over these areas on several occasions during daylight yesterday, states an Air Ministry communication.

Some damage was done to houses and shops and a small number of people were killed and injured.—Reuter.

THE ITALIAN FRONT LINE NOW IS AT TOBRUK — GRAZIANI'S BIG NAVAL AND AIR BASE, NEARLY A HUNDRED MILES INSIDE LIBYA.

Between Bardia, now completely cleaned up, and Tobruk there are virtually no Italian troops. British patrols cover the whole of the intervening country. Tobruk's defences consist of two perimeters while Bardia had only one.

The outer perimeter of Tobruk is about 25 miles in circumference and the inner one about 11 miles. Whatever the future course of events in Libya, it is certain that General Graziani is in a very serious position.

Apart from the huge number of Italian prisoners, he had lost about half the total of his supplies of guns, lorries, ammunition and other war materials available for the Italian army in Libya.

"Either General Graziani is a very bad general or he has been pushed into unwise actions by the Fascist party," said a high British Officer, when giving me his conclusions on the campaign which culminated in the fall of Bardia.

Most Unwise

The Italians were most unwise, he said, to advance with-

out securing themselves against such a defeat as the British Forces have now delivered. But it appears probable that Graziani was forced to do this against his better judgment.

The Italian intelligence section has also been at fault.

It had been consistently wrong concerning numbers of British troops engaged, sometimes grossly over-estimating and at other times being completely unaware of their presence.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONTROL IN W. INDIES

Admiral Rovere, High Commissioner of the French West Indies, in a press interview on the subject of Martinique, said yesterday that he was authorised to defend the islands by force if necessary against any power trying to seize them from France.

No foreign influence detrimental to the interests of the United States will be allowed to gain control of Martinique, he said.

Under the armistice terms, he continued, Germany was bound not to seize French colonies by force.

The people of Martinique — both native and European — desire above all to help the Mother Country in her effort to regain her position as a first class power, he concluded. — Reuter.

NEW "CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA"

The first day of business in Tokyo for the new "Central Reserve Bank of China," established by the "puppet" regime in Nanking, ended yesterday with deposits amounting to C\$20,000,000 while banknote issues totalled C\$7,000,000, it was officially announced in Nanking yesterday, according to a Japanese report.—Reuter.

SIX PEDESTRIANS WOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Following the discovery on Sunday night of three hand-grenades outside the premises of the "Shun Pao" in Shanghai, an attempt was made at seven o'clock last night to throw three bombs into the building.

Six pedestrians were wounded and removed to hospital.

A suspect was arrested in the neighbourhood by the Police.

Only one of the bombs exploded.—Our Own Correspondent.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Bulgarian Government officially denies that Germany has presented and Bulgaria accepted an ultimatum demanding the right of transit for German troops. — International News Service.

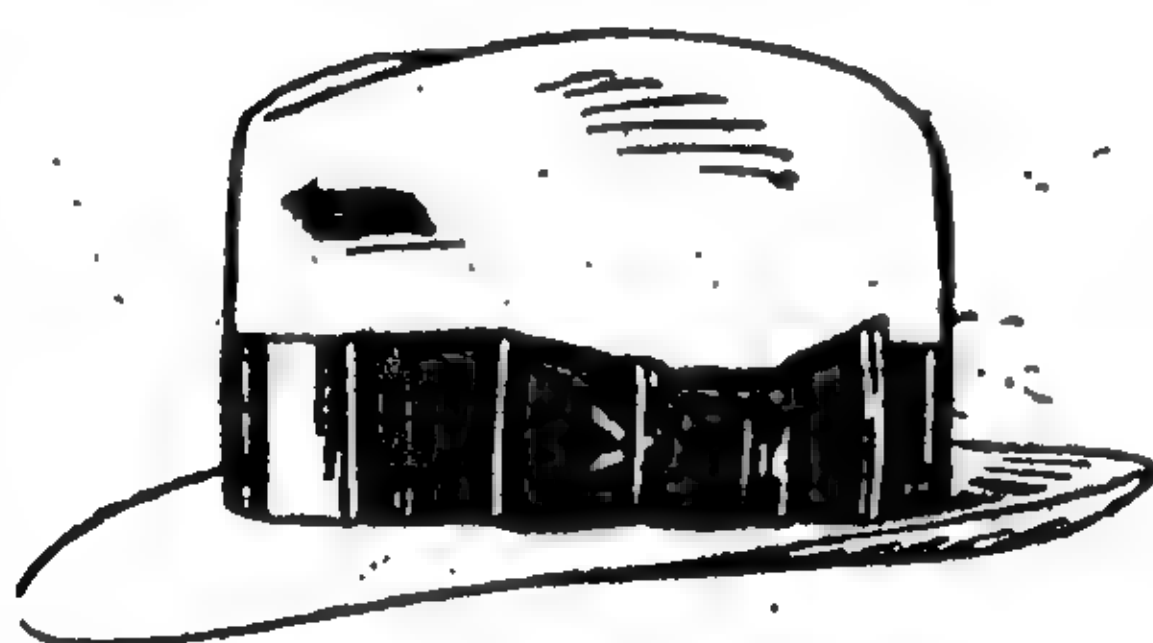


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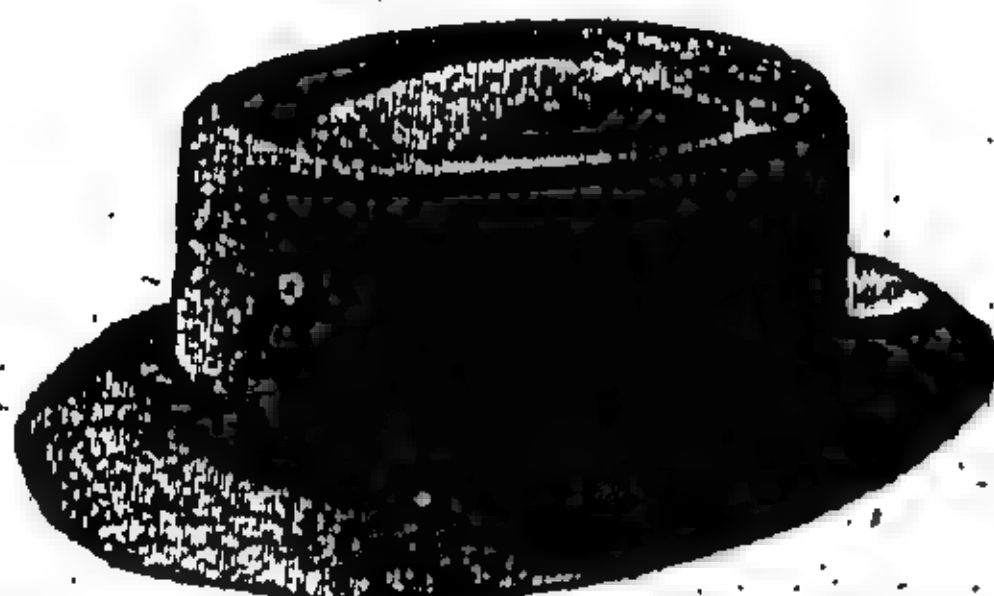


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SPEED THE WAR DRIVE

A spectacular new "Speed the War" drive is disclosed in an official announcement from Number Ten Downing Street, issued last night.

The Prime Minister has instituted four committees to "obtain more rapid and more decisive action."

One committee will push production.

A second will control imports. The third, under Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, will study post-war production, paving the way for the Ministry of Reconstruction "when the end can more clearly be foreseen."

Each of these three committees will be composed of Cabinet Ministers—experts on the various problems—and the chairmen will sit on a fourth committee, responsible to the Prime Minister and the War Cabinet and able swiftly to co-ordinate all decisions. —Reuter.

H.K.-BORN PILOT'S TRAGIC END

Beyond the fact that Flying Officer John Peter Archibald Davidson, the son of Mr. Edgar Davidson, of Hastings and Co., was killed in a crash on landing, no details have yet been received of the circumstances of the tragedy.

The late Flying Officer Davidson was born and commenced his education in Hong Kong. He was 24 years of age and he was educated at the Peak School until he was 8 years of age.

From Hong Kong, he proceeded to Charterhouse and to St. John's College, Cambridge, where he joined the Cambridge Air Squadron and afterwards the R.A.F.V.R.

While at Cambridge, he took First Class Honours with a distinction in the Law Tripos and after war was declared and he was called up, he sat for his Bar Finals and got 2nd Class Honours with a minimum of preparation.

For some time past he had been plotting and commanding a Wellington bomber machine in night raids over Germany.

ONLY 400 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

It is learned from authoritative quarters in London that the total of Australian casualties in the storming of Bardia did not exceed four hundred. —Reuter.

Peiping Dispute Stiffens

After failure of all negotiations on the spot, the dispute arising from the incident in which United States marines were detained by Japanese gendarmes after an incident in a Peiping cabaret, has been transferred to Washington and Tokyo.

This interpretation has been placed on a statement issued by Colonel Turnage, the Commanding Officer of the United States Marine Embassy Guard in Peiping.

The statement reads: "I have received instructions to confine my future action solely to the receipt of apologies from the Japanese authorities." —Reuter.

PERSONAL ROOSEVELT TRIUMPH

Seldom if ever has President Roosevelt spoken so plainly to Congress and the country on foreign affairs as he did in his report on the state of the nation yesterday.

In so doing, he achieved a personal triumph such as was never possible in his "fireside chat."

Enthusiastic Congressmen and the public in the galleries applauded him time and time again.

No seat in the Chamber was vacant.

Among the diplomats present were the British Charge d'Affaires and the Minister and Ambassadors from South Africa, Norway, Argentina, Persia, China, Switzerland, Finland and Portugal. No

Story Of Deal With Russia Taken With Plenty Of Reserve

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMID MOUNTING FEARS OF AN IMMINENT GERMAN "BLITZ" PUSH THROUGH THE BALKANS INTO GREECE, REPORTS REACHING BUDAPEST FROM BELGRADE (PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF REPORTS INITIATED BY THE GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA MACHINE) CLAIM THAT GERMANY AND RUSSIA HAVE CONCLUDED A DEAL UNDER WHICH GERMAN TROOPS WILL CROSS BULGARIA.

Diplomatic circles in Budapest, however, take the reports with the utmost reserve, and it is generally believed that these reports may have originated in German quarters.

The Bulgarian Legation in Budapest officially and emphatically denies a report circulated abroad that M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Premier, accepted an ultimatum under which Germany demanded the passage of German troops.

(An International News London despatch says that Russia circles there admit that they are disturbed by the Balkan reports but say that they do not jib with their latest information from Moscow which indicates that the U.S.S.R. still opposes German military use of Bulgarian soil with or without Bulgarian consent).

Alleged Deal

Belgrade reports said that Russia has agreed to the transit of German troops through Bulgaria in exchange for a Nazi promise to support Russian territorial claims on Finland and Moldavia.

It is important always to note that Belgrade is the source of the reports.

Sources in Budapest (equally under German influence) sensationally declare that Germany has "lent" Bulgaria 2,500 planes.

Despite all reports to the contrary, these circles expect the German occupation of Bulgaria, patterned after the Rumanian model — Bulgaria will probably "request" Germany to send military instructors to Bulgaria.

Turkey Would Fight

Meanwhile, reports from Istanbul quote authoritative sources as saying that Turkey will fight if Germany passes through Bulgaria.

The same sources, however, claim to have no information to the effect that January 8th will be "zero-hour." — International News Service.

All the reports must be treated with the greatest reserve. No captain can wage war so

representatives of Germany or Italy were noticeable. — Reuter.

STAR OF TWELFTH NIGHT ILL

Owing to the sudden illness of Nora Witchell who plays the part of Viola in Twelfth Night, the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club has been compelled to postpone to-morrow's matinee performance to Wednesday the 15th January at 5.30 p.m.

The Thursday performance has been cancelled.

There is no change in the Friday and Saturday evening performances, the 10th and 11th January. These performances will be held as advertised.

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AMY JOHNSON FEARED KILLED

Amy Johnson, the famous British air-woman who was the first woman to complete a fight from London to Australia and back, is reported missing.

Amy Johnson was flying as an Air Transport auxiliary pilot, which service she joined early in the war.

Something happened to her machine over the Thames Estuary and it dived into the sea.—Reuter.

Later, Amy Johnson, it is now revealed, baled out of her plane, but an R.A.F. speedboat failed to find her, although her flight authorisation papers from the machine were discovered. — Reuter.

"FIRE DOWN BELLOT"

During a recent raid on the docks at Le Havre bomb after bomb was dropped on the various basins—the Marsee, de la Citadelle, Bellot and de l'Ilure.

Wreckage was hurled into the air and docks and quays were left ablaze. As one pilot afterwards remarked: "It was a case of 'Fire down Bellot'."

REMARKABLE INCIDENT OFF LIBYA COAST

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The British Navy Forces In The Mediterranean)

A BRITISH SERGEANT and eight men, captured on Christmas Day outside Bardia, turned the tables on their captors by battering them down in a hatch when the 100-ton Italian schooner in which they were being taken to Tobruk, was intercepted by an Australian destroyer. The men are now back in the desert.

It was in the middle of a dark and stormy night of December 29 that the Destroyer intercepted the schooner "Zingarella" as she tried to creep along the Libyan coast with 100 Italian soldiers and 15 naval ratings on board together with their much prized captives from a famous British regiment.

This is how the schooner was captured.

The Australian destroyer was patrolling off the coast when a small vessel was sighted about 2 a.m.

The destroyer eased towards her, firing one round across her bows, whereupon she hove to.

The destroyer brought her searchlights into play from close range disclosing the Italians hopping about the deck, frantically waving shirts and caps and shouting "prigionieri inglesi" (British prisoners).

There was little need to indicate there were British prisoners aboard because at the sound of the destroyer's shot the British sergeant and his eight companions, guessing help was at hand, dashed up the ladder from below deck and quickly battered down 100 Italians in the hatch below.

Three Stripes

As both ships rolled in the rough sea, the destroyer's captain said he caught glimpses of the upturned face of Italians through the slits in the hatch. Then he saw the sergeant's three stripes clearly visible as he bounded to the deck

assuming control from the unresisting deck guards.

The sea was too rough for the destroyer to go alongside or to lower a boat, so from a distance of 20 yards, the Captain shouted through a megaphone "Follow me" to which the British sergeant answered "I'll see to that, Sir."

In a signal to shore informing the authorities of the capture, the Captain said: "The army now have the situation well in hand with 100 Italians down below. I am making a good three knots but she is no ocean greyhound."

Roles Reversed

Thus, with the role of the captors reversed, the party arrived at Sollum, the soldiers none the worse for their trip, except for being very hungry—they had had only a small piece of brown bread and very little maccaroni with one pint of water daily to be shared among them.

They said the Italians were apparently so pleased at capturing them that no less than four generals came to look at them before they were shipped off on their abortive trip to Tobruk. — Reuter.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN THE WESTERN DESERT—A well camouflaged heavy gun. (Copyright, Fox).

ITALY'S HOLD ON LIBYA SHAKEN TO FOUNDATIONS

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH THE FALL of Bardia was fully expected, the magnitude of the victory in its rapidity, the number of prisoners captured and the smallness of the casualties suffered, could hardly be foreseen.

Italy's hold on Libya is now shaken to its foundations and her hold on Abyssinia is precarious.

The very poor fighting qualities shown by the Italian Army emphatically proves that the hearts of her soldiers are not in this war.

So large a proportion have surrendered that it is impossible not to believe that this lack of spirit is not merely local. It must be widespread throughout the whole army in Libya and perhaps is prevalent throughout the whole Italian army.

resources, for the tribes have been cruelly treated by the Italians and drive from their homes. They will rise and attack every unprotected home.

New Vistas

The position of all the ports and aerodromes along the Libyan coast are of such importance to the British Navy and Air Force that their capture should be the first objective. With these in British hands, the command of the Mediterranean will be yet more firmly established and the free passage of supplies by sea from the East will be regained.

At the same time, Britain will be installed in a position from which further attacks on Italy could be conceived and carried out.

It would be a mistake to detach troops from Libya to attack Abyssinia. That country can await its fate, but it will not have to wait long for there is a storm gathering. — Reuter.

Resistance Doubtful

There is now nothing to prevent General Wavell from moving forward at once to Tobruk. General Wavell will meet with no resistance until he arrives at this port and it is doubtful whether Tobruk would offer any real resistance after what has happened to Bardia. In fact, it is becoming doubtful if the Italians in Libya are capable of offering any further strong resistance and I should not be surprised to see Tobruk fall within a week.

Reports say that 500 German planes and 10,000 German soldiers are collected in Southern Italian ports in readiness to reinforce Libya.

It is too late and it can be regarded as a bluff.

The planes on their arrival would find their aerodromes already hammered and exposed to constant attack. If the Germans attempted to move ten thousand soldiers by sea their fate would be a watery grave.

British Strategy

British strategy will probably be directed now to driving the Italians out of Libya altogether before turning to any other object.

Besides having to oppose the British advance, General Graziani will have to detach a number of troops to protect Italian colonies pressed out in detached formations along the northern coast. This may prove a strain on his

WHY HE JOINED

This is how one German bomb dropped indiscriminately on London, "affected the morale of the civilian population."

A young man who described himself as "a bit of a pacifist" went home from work one day to find that a bomb had destroyed his home. His mother and his sister had been killed.

Next day that young man was at a Royal Air Force recruiting depot. He had only one request to make—that he should be taken as an air gunner.

He got his wish. To-day he is at a training camp, and when he is asked why he chose the job of an air gunner, he speaks of his bombed home and says: "I want to get after the so-and-so who did this."

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN THE MOST EAGERLY AWAITED SPEECH SINCE PRESIDENT WILSON'S HISTORIC DECLARATION OF WAR IN 1917, YESTERDAY REPORTED TO A PACKED 77TH CONGRESS ON THE STATE OF THE NATION.

President Roosevelt declared that he was addressing Congress at a moment unprecedented in the history of the Union because at no previous time had American security been as seriously threatened from without as it was now.

After reviewing American history since 1789, President Roosevelt said: "We should remember that peace in 1919 was far less unjust than the kind of 'pacification' which began even before Munich and which was being carried out under the 'new order of tyranny' that seeks to spread over every country today.

"The American people have unalterably set their faces against that. The democratic way of life is at this moment being directly assailed in every part of the world — assailed whether by arms or by the secret spreading of poisonous propaganda by those who seek to destroy unity and promote discord in the nations still at peace.

"During 16 months, this assault has blotted out the whole pattern of life in an appalling number of independent nations, great and small. Our assailants are still on the march, threatening other nations, great and small.

"As your President, performing my constitutional duty to give Congress information on the state of the Union, I find it necessary to report that the future safety of our country and our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders.

Defence Of Democracy

"The armed defence of democratic existence is now being gallantly waged in four continents. If that defence fails, all populations and all resources in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia will be dominated by the conquerors."

Declaring that it was immature, and incidentally untrue, for anybody to brag that unprepared America, single-handed and with one hand tied behind its back, could hold off the whole world, President Roosevelt gave warning that no realistic American could expect international generosity, the return of independence, world disarmament, or even good business from a dictator's peace.

"We must always be wary of those who, with sounding brass and tinkling cymbals, preach the 'ism' of appeasement."

British Navy

"We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American eagle in order to feather his own nest. There is much loose talk about immunity from direct invasion from across the seas. Obviously, as long as the British navy retains its power no such danger exists.

"Even if there were no British navy, it is improbable that any enemy would be stupid enough to attack us by landing troops in the United States from across thousands of miles of ocean until he had acquired strategic bases wherefrom to operate."

Great Responsibility

President Roosevelt proceeded: "As long as the aggressor nations maintain the offensive they, and not we, will choose the time, place and method of their attack.

That is why the future of all the American republics is today in serious danger. That is why every member of

the executive branch of Government and every member of Congress faces a great responsibility and a great accountability."

Declaring that American national policy in foreign affairs was based on decent respect for the rights and dignity of all nations, large and small, and that the justice of morality would win in the end, President Roosevelt condensed his policy into three points:

First, by an impressive expression of the public will without regard to partisanship, the United States is committed to all-inclusive national defence.

Full Support

Second, similarly the United States is committed to full support of all those resolute peoples everywhere who are resisting aggression, thereby keeping the war away from this hemisphere.

Third, the United States is committed to the proposition that the principles of morality and considerations of her own security would never permit her to acquiesce in a peace dictated by aggressors and sponsored by appeasers."

The President declared that he was not satisfied with the progress thus far made in production and quicker and better results must be obtained. They were behind schedule in turning out finished aeroplanes, but ahead in building warships. "I shall ask Congress for greatly increased new appropriations and new authorisations to carry on what we began and for authority for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds to be turned over to those nations which are now in actual war with aggressor nations."

America's Role

President Roosevelt added "Our most useful role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need our manpower."

"They do need billions of dollars worth of weapons of defence. The time is near when they will not be able to pay in ready cash.

"We cannot and will not tell them they must surrender because of their present inability to pay for weapons which we know they must have.

I do not recommend that we make them a loan of dollars with which to pay for these weapons — loans to be repaid in dollars.

"I recommend we make it possible for those nations to continue to obtain war materials in the United States by fitting their orders into our own programme.

Vitally Concerned

"Nearly all their material, would, if the time ever came, be useful for our own defence. For what we send abroad we shall be repaid within reasonable time following the close of hostilities in similar materials or, at our own option, in other goods which they can produce and which we need.

"Let us say to democracies 'We Americans are vitally concerned in your defence of freedom. We are putting forth our energies, resources and organising powers to give you strength to regain and maintain a free world. We shall send you ever increasing numbers of ships, planes, tanks and guns. This is our purpose and pledge."

No Intimidation

"In fulfilment of this purpose we will not be intimidated by the threats of the dictators that they will regard as a breach of international law and as an act of war our aid to the democracies which dare resist their aggression.

"Such aid is not an act of war even if a dictator should unilaterally proclaim it so to be.

When the dictators are ready to make war on us they will not wait for an act of war on our part.

They did not wait for Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands to commit an act of war. Their only interest is in a new one-way international law which lacks mutuality in its observance and therefore becomes an instrument of oppression."

All Sacrifices

Declaring all must be prepared to make the sacrifices which the emergency demanded, President Roosevelt said, in his budget message, that he would recommend that a greater portion of the defence programme should be paid for from taxation than was being paid at present.

No person should try or be allowed to get rich from this programme.

In future days, they would look forward to four essential human freedoms — freedom of speech and expression everywhere, freedom of and right to God in their own way everywhere, freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Unity Of Purpose

The President concluded: "This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads and hearts of millions of free men and women and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God."

"Freedom means supremacy of man's rights. Everywhere our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or to keep them. Our strength is in our unity of purpose. To that high conception there can be no end save victory." — Reuter.

RECRUITING APPEAL TO INDIANS

At Bombay yesterday, Mr. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasbha, appealed to Hindus all over India to enter the Army, Navy and Air Force in the largest numbers possible. — Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS LIVE UP TO REPUTATION

Sir Sikandar Hyat-Khan, Premier of the Punjab, has completed his visit to the Sudan, where he met representatives of all the Indian units now there and told them that they were not only fighting the King's battle, but the battle for their Motherland and that they would return victorious.

He said he was glad to see the Indian troops in Sudan in such good heart and health.

"The units engaged in recent battle," he said "have done splendidly apart from the courage and skill displayed. When the full details are published, they will reveal that the Indian troops have lived up to the highest traditions of the Indian Army with its reputation for clean and brave fighting."

ITALIAN AIR LOSSES IN LIBYA

Between December 22 and the fall of Bardia on January 5th, the R.A.F. in Libya destroyed 30 enemy aircraft in the air and at least eight on the ground, while the R.A.F. itself lost only two planes.

In making this announcement, the Air Ministry adds that throughout the period in question, Italian opposition in the air decreased, except for January 4th and 5th, and on those days it was unable to achieve success.

This is doubtless due (the statement continues) to the unrelenting R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes and landing grounds.

R.A.F. fighter planes seized every opportunity to harass enemy land forces.

One example was the destruction of five Italian staff cars by the R.A.F. which machine-gunned them from very low levels. — Reuter.

BELGIANS IN KENYA ON OFFICIAL VISIT

It is announced from Nairobi that the Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, M. Pierre Ryckmans, and the General Officer Commanding the Belgian Congo forces, have arrived there on an official visit with the Belgian Minister of the Colonies, M. de Vleeschauwer. — Reuter.

MR. HOPKINS OFF

Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is to act as President Roosevelt's personal representative in Britain pending the appointment of a new United States Ambassador left for England by Clipper yesterday.

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OPERATIONS BEGIN AGAINST TOBRUK

NEWS THAT OPERATIONS have begun against Tobruk, which is hailed with great satisfaction in both London and Cairo, shows that British mobility and power to attack has not been affected by the whirlwind onslaught which resulted in the fall of Bardia.

Conjectures as to the next move, and the possibility of an Italian counter-attack, were the subject of comment by a London military correspondent yesterday.

An effective counter-attack, he says, can only come from Tobruk and General Wavell will obviously have taken all necessary precautions. Such an attack, in view of the speed of the British advance, seems increasingly remote.

General Wavell has surprised the Italians often, the correspondent continued, and he may decide to take advantage of the nerve-shattered condition of the Italians as a result of Bardia.

Nearly 70,000 Italians have surrendered in the Western Desert operations so far, and this does not include the unknown number of casualties. It seems likely, however, that Marshal Graziani has lost practically a third of his original force, which has been estimated to be around 250,000.

The Western Desert operations will probably have a marked effect on the morale of the Italian troops in East Africa.

An Italian communique yesterday mentioned action by British naval units off the East African coast.

Grave Peril

A correspondent who visited Bardia said that he was approached by three Italian gentlemen with their hands in their pockets, wanting to surrender.

Speaking of the Australian troops, he said:

"They looked terrifying with their tin helmets over their balaclava hats!"

Another correspondent says that the Italian position in Eastern Libya is now in grave peril.

A report from Cairo says that the Italian air force has been compelled to withdraw from a number of advance striking bases, and now seem to be operating from fields chiefly west of Tobruk.

It is understood that some airfields in the Tobruk area have already been occupied by our forces and may be in use by our bombers. — Reuter.

BOMBED SHEFFIELD

The King and Queen visited Sheffield yesterday and toured areas which suffered damage and casualties in a night raid three weeks ago.

Their Majesties had a very warm welcome from crowds which included many rendered homeless by the Nazi indiscriminate night bombing.

They saw streets of humble homes where scarcely one house was left intact. They talked to many groups of dwellers in these streets as well as to civil defence workers. — British Wireless.

KING FAROUK'S CONGRATULATIONS

KING FAROUK OF EGYPT HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MIDDLE EAST.

The Egyptian Prime Minister, who is at present at Luxor with the King, yesterday telephoned General Wavell, expressing the King's great satisfaction at the British victory.

Enthusiasm is expressing itself everywhere in Egypt at the second British victory within a month. — Reuter.

MORE AMERICANS EVACUATE

Another batch of more than 100 Americans, mostly missionaries and their families, evacuated yesterday when the President Pierce sailed from Shanghai for America via Japan. — Central News.

DIRECTOR KNIGHTED IN FACTORY

The accolade of knighthood was bestowed for the first time in public in a factory during the tour of bombed Sheffield by Their Majesties the King and Queen.

They first visited a big steel-works, where they saw war production in full swing unhampered by the effects of a raid.

At the end of the visit, the King mounted a dais with Allan Grant, managing director of Thomas Firth and John Brown Limited, who had conducted him round.

Grant knelt before the King who, taking a sword from an enquiry, touched him on both shoulders, saying:

"Arise, Sir Allan."

Hundreds of workers gathered round and cheered. — Reuter.

BARDIA BELITTLED

The Axis press and radio is now busily engaged in belittling the importance of Bardia, upon which only few days ago they were insisting.

Defences once loosely compared with the Maginot Line would now appear to be non-existent.

The only comfort which the Italian communique was able to offer to the Italian people for a defeat which it left discreetly undefended was that "notable losses" had been inflicted on the enemy. — British Wireless.

CANTON CUSTOMS REVENUES

Interviewing reporters in Canton yesterday, Lin Yau-kan, Superintendent of Customs, revealed that since the reopening of the

Rome Silent On Events

ITALIAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN ROME YESTERDAY CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE RETICENCE ABOUT THE FALL OF BARDIA.

They admit that fierce fighting was in progress there on Sunday, but are withholding the truth from the people.

Broadcasting in English, one Italian speaker said:

"The British operations have been a complete fiasco!"

He gave no hint about the loss of guns, tanks and other war material worth, according to one observer, many millions of pounds Sterling. — Reuter.

BARDIA ENLIVENS STOCK EXCHANGE

THE BARDIA VICTORY CREATED A GOOD DISPOSITION ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE AND DESPITE THE LACK OF ANY WIDE-SPREAD TURNOVER, PRICES GENERALLY IMPROVED.

Gilt-edgeds were again bought at higher levels, while Indian loans showed substantial gains.

Chinese and Egyptian bonds were well supported, home oils were better, oils and rubbers were firm, Kafirs strengthened on the Cape and there was local buying.

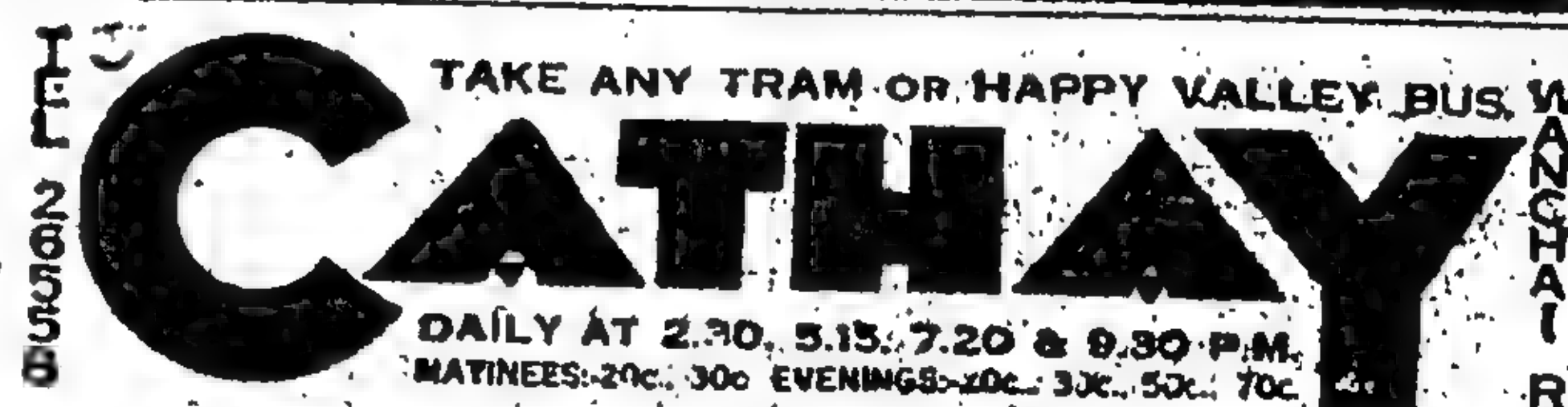
Wall Street was quietly steady. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA CONGRATULATED

"Heartiest congratulations on the memorable part played by Australian forces in the victory of Bardia," says a telegram from the Dominions Secretary, Viscount Cranborne to Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier.

"By their courage and dash, they have added lustre to their name and rendered inestimable service to the common cause," the message concludes. — Reuter.

Canton Customs, monthly collections of duties for 1940 varied between a maximum of \$1,200,000 and a minimum of \$300,000 (National currency) according to the "Can on Daily Sun." — Reuter.



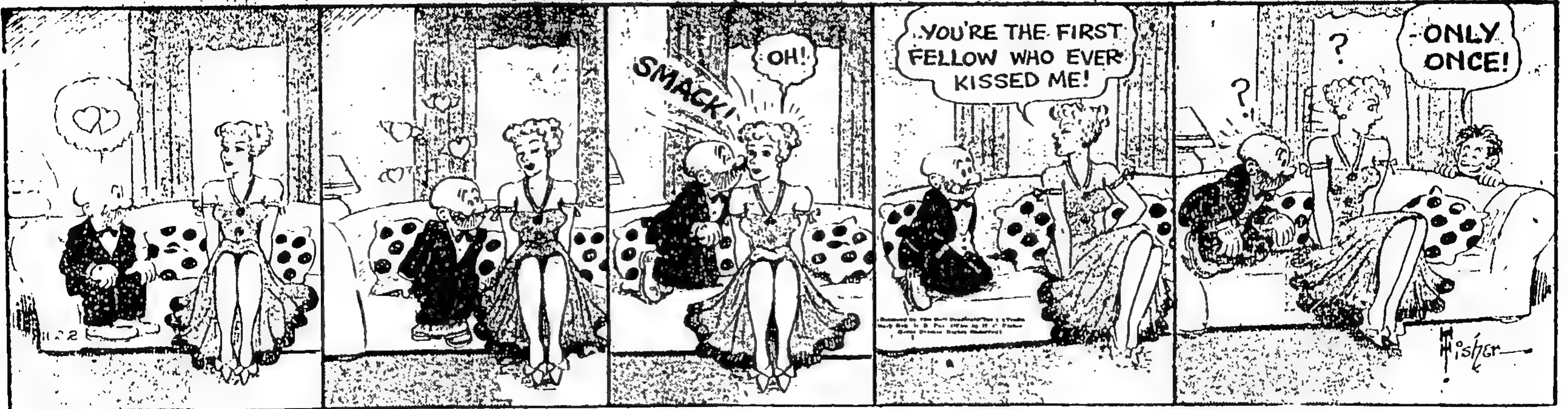
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AMY JOHNSON MISSING, FEARED DROWNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMY JOHNSON, the famous British aviatrix with a remarkable list of record long-distance flights, including the east to west crossing of the Atlantic in a light sports plane, is feared to have drowned while serving in the R.A.F. Auxiliary Service.

Amy Johnson, former wife of Captain James A. Mollison, with whom she made the trans-ocean flight, was last seen yesterday parachuting into the Thames Estuary from a plane she was delivering as a "ferry pilot."

A speed-boat hurried to the rescue, but only found the papers authorising the flight.

An official announcement says that the aviatrix is "missing, feared drowned."

It will be recalled that in 1934, while visiting the United States, she predicted that women would participate in military aviation in the next war and that she would volunteer. — International News Service.

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LOOKING DOWN ON MONT BLANC

Even in the midst of war man never seems to lose his appreciation of the beautiful. That is one of the curiosities of human nature. Recently, an R.A.F. pilot, having reported the details of his attack on the Fiat works at Turin, spent the rest of the day telling his companions in the Mess all about the magnificent view he had had of Mont Blanc as he flew back over France.

He had set off from his base in England just as the moon was rising, and, though there were patches of cumulus cloud over the French coast and some fire from the German ground defences, inland the sky was clear and below all was quiet. When he reached the Alps there was a bright moon shining on the snow-covered slopes of the mountains. They looked beautiful, with Mont Blanc sticking up above the others, its long summit three thousand feet below the pilot and lower still the sharp peaks of other mountains clustering around it.

"I have never seen a sight like it," the pilot said. "On our way back from Turin we were between the moon and the mountains, and I drew a picture in my log book of the towering mass of Mont Blanc glistening even more sharply in the moonlight and standing out high above the cloud base below. It was the last memorable sight before our journey home, which was uneventful except for more 'flak' over the French coast. I hope it won't be long before I see that sight again."

That the journey means a non-stop flight of 1,600 miles is of no account.

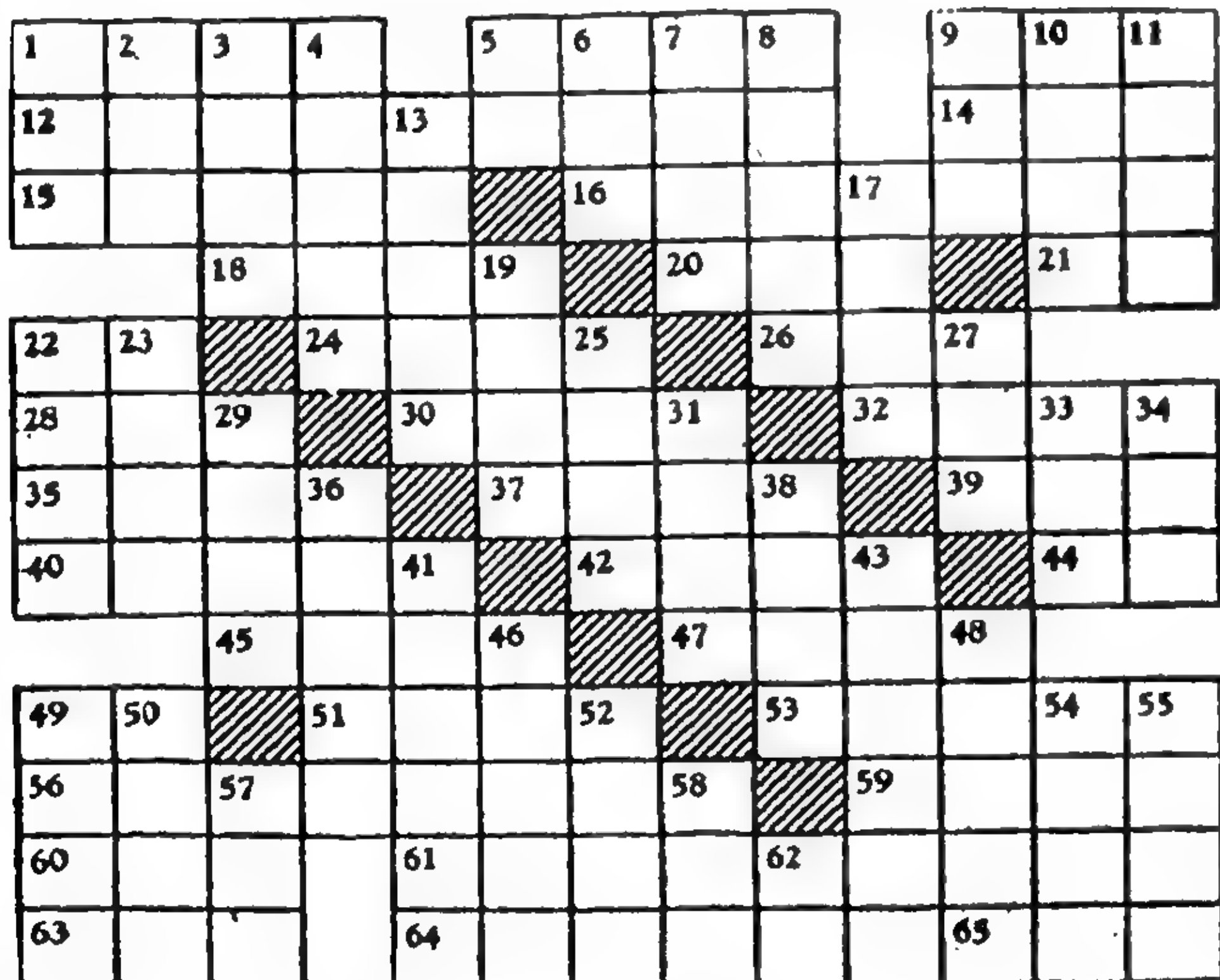
PERKY LONDONERS

A young officer of the R.A.F., veteran of many long-distance raids over Germany, was posted to London. What he saw so amazed him that he wrote to his friends:

"We have had an extremely noisy time lately, nightly raids and six or seven raids a day. The major nuisance at night time is the gunfire which at times is plain hell; I have moved from one lot of digs as the windows and roof were removed by H. E.'s that fell 25 yards away. Fortunately they fell in the grounds of a college, and the major portion of the damage was caused by large hunks of a concrete squash court that were hurled for distances of from ten to 25 yards.

"The amazing thing here in London town is the spirit of the man in the street. After three weeks of night raids, lasting from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and then spasmodic daylight raids, people are more perky than they were before the fun started; and it's all taken as a matter of course."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To sling
- 5 To help
- 9 Turn right!
- 12 To banish
- 14 To be off one's guard
- 15 Young branch of a plant
- 16 To slander
- 18 Savage dog-like mammal
- 20 High card
- 21 Pronoun
- 22 Concerning
- 24 To separate
- 26 To hesitate
- 27 In speaking
- 28 Title of respect
- 30 Carbonic substance
- 32 Network
- 33 War god
- 37 To penetrate
- 39 High hill
- 40 To respond
- 42 Highlander's skirt
- 44 Pronoun
- 45 Turkish coin
- 47 To trudge
- 49 Note of scale
- 51 Flap
- 53 Palm genus

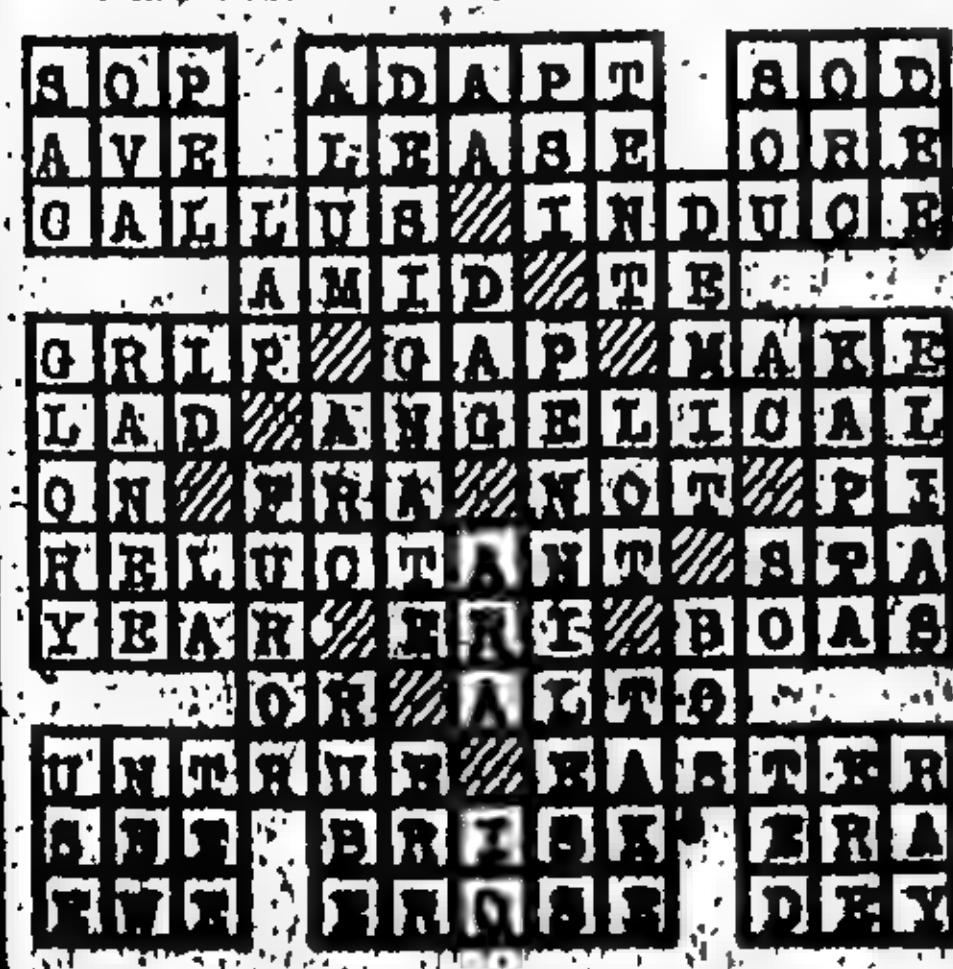
VERTICAL

- 1 Lettuce genus
- 2 Ember
- 3 To pack
- 4 Gathering
- 5 Symbol for actinium
- 6 Seized with the teeth
- 7 Man's name
- 8 To instruct

9 African antelope

- 10 Every
- 11 Fencing sword
- 13 Book of maps
- 17 Expensive
- 18 Amphibian
- 22 Glacial ridges
- 23 To discharge
- 25 Removed
- 27 Moist
- 29 To harvest
- 31 To stirrable
- 33 To tug
- 34 Before
- 38 Rogue
- 39 Girl's name
- 41 Characteristic
- 43 Kind of lens
- 46 Union of workers
- 48 To entice
- 49 Furnished with shoes
- 50 Midwestern state
- 52 Spanish for "room"
- 54 To contend
- 56 The dill
- 57 Furtive
- 58 Hungarian coin
- 61 Symbol for selenium

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PIERRE--AN EPIC OF THE DESERT

BUSTLING IN AND OUT of a gracious, old-fashioned mansion in a Cairo suburb, every day are heroes of the most daringly romantic escapades of this machine-made war, writes a correspondent.

A brass plate on the door of the mansion says, Comite National Francais. On the arms of the men is the Cross of Lorraine.

I have met dozens of these men, who for freedom's sake have struggled through deserts and battled their way across perilous seas and hostile skies.

Some go on to join units fighting in the Western Desert. Others remain at headquarters where the growing staff keeps in touch with sympathisers from Stockholm to Shanghai.

The adventures they have had getting here are epic.

Vivid Adventure

Take the case of Pierre (I cannot give his surname, for his family are still in France).

He slipped across the Syrian border one evening to reach Palestine and got lost.

For 15 terrible days he wandered desperately in the stony, sun-scorched wilderness.

Twice friendly Bedouins gave him food and drink and sent him on his way. But never once did he consider retracing his steps.

Finally, with blackened skin and half demented by heat and thirst, he stumbled into a Palestine village and collapsed.

Now he is commanding a detachment for Free France.

Submarine's Trip

Then there is Jean, whom I first met flying back from Malta two months ago.

He is a submarine commander, and he managed to slip out of Tunis with his vessel some weeks after France's collapse. He weeded out the doubtful elements — mostly petty officers — and he made for Malta with a skeleton but reliable crew.

Puzzled British bombers flew out to inspect this strange submarine, but they held the attack until the commander managed to explain himself. Then they escorted him to Malta and freedom.

Almost the best is the story of Rene. He was a lieutenant of the Meharist Camel Corps in North Tchaad, and in its first moment he wanted to join the Free French movement.

But superior officers wavered, and tried to persuade him to wait.

Tortured By Thirst

So Rene and three N.C.O.s with their camels set off on a 450-mile trek to Khartum.

Tortured by thirst, blinded by the sun, and mocked by mirages, they made the journey, and the first pangs they heard when they stumbled into Khartum was that Tchaad had joined De Gaulle.

There was a message waiting for Rene to return immediately to take over an important post.

Dramatic Episode

Cyprus was the scene of another episode packed with drama. The first battalion of a French infantry regiment were stationed there, and when France collapsed the regiment's colonel came over from Syria, paraded the men, and delivered an harangue preaching loyalty to Vichy.

When he had finished there was dead silence for a couple of seconds. Then half the battalion broke spontaneously into the Marseillaise. That was their answer.

Those who sang are now in Egypt, and those who remained silent returned to Syria.

Vive La France

There are dozens more. Charles drove an armoured car clean across Syria from Aleppo, forcing every barricade, holding up every picket at the point of a rifle, and finally scorching through the frontier barrier into Palestine with shouts "Vive la France!"

Maurice had to steal back his own magneto from the authorities and clean up two machine-gun posts before he could fly his plane away from a Syrian airfield.

They come every day. Already the gracious old-fashioned mansion in the Cairo suburb is overflowing as its two predecessors overflowed. Soon they'll have to find other quarters.

Already, French units have been in action against the Italians in

SERIOUS CHARGE DROPPED

The manslaughter charge against a Kowloon bus-driver, sequel to a collision between a motor-bus and a United Delivery lorry in Castle Peak Road on December 10, was withdrawn by the prosecution when Tang Sang, 30, appeared, on remand, before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

The bus-driver is now charged with driving without due care and caution and his bail, \$500, was reduced to \$250.

The case was fixed for hearing next Thursday and Friday.

Mr. D. B. Evans will appear for the defence and Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain for the prosecution.

POLICE SEAMAN ACCUSED

Seaman No. W77, Ho Sui-wah, 28, of the Water Police, with four other Chinese, Lam Fook, alias Keung Fook, 30, Tsang Wing-pan, 34, Wong Wai-pang, alias Chan Hing, 36, and Lau Lam, 36, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with robbery at No. 359, Lockhart Road.

It is alleged that accused with two other men not in custody, robbed Chan Kai of \$145.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios appeared for first accused.

Defendants were remanded for three days for further enquiries.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

WITH THE SEA BARRAGE BALLOONS

(By A Special Correspondent)

"WE ARE WAITING for the long-promised invasion," said Mr. Churchill in his broadcast to the French people. "So are the fishes." And so is the Royal Navy at the invasion ports, waiting to pounce and destroy the fleets of barges launched on their reckless gamble.

Wintry weather has new problems. Mists and drizzle envelop the sea one day to conceal the Nazi armada; next day a gale lashes the water into a cauldron that makes barge invasion seem fantastic.

The Navy keeps its ceaseless watch by night and day, and as I stand gazing out to sea at the dark grey silhouettes of warships slipping through the haze I realise thankfully the strength of Britain.

And while waiting the Navy does its workaday jobs. I raced out this morning in an R.A.F. plane when a convoy was assembling in a heaving sea, a half-gale blowing. On the pier I noticed the admonition "Book early" as I jumped aboard for a "trip round the Fleet." Craft of all types, from dirty coasters to warships with raking lines, were moving across the Western Desert.

French pilots have taken part in raids all over the Middle East. Their fighting forces are growing steadily in strength.

CANARY'S SONG GUIDES RESCUERS

(By A Special Correspondent)

Wedged in a crevice under twisted girders and a pile of wreckage, a canary in a battered cage sang its way to freedom and the freedom of nine raid victims who were trapped in a London tenement.

The trapped people were too exhausted to cry out, but the canary's merry notes guided wardens and A.F.S. workers, who altered the course of their tunnelling to the spot.

The result was that nine people were rescued alive, though six bodies were brought out a little later. It is thought that five more dead are still under the wreckage.

I stood on the pile of wreckage which a few hours before had constituted the home of some 30 people — happy workers living in houses which had been converted into flats.

While I was there a faint cry from another spot told the wardens that there was further life there. A few minutes later an A.F.S. man emerged carrying a little boy clothed only in a torn shirt and covered from head to foot in dust and grime. He had been in the wreckage for more than 10 hours. The boy grinned at me and whispered: "Can I have a warden to rescue me?"

Crypt Shelterers Escape

More than 600 people sheltering in the crypt of a London church were unhurt when a heavy bomb struck the side of the building and exploded in a pit. A woman standing in the street at a bus stop, however, was killed, and minor casualties were caused by flying glass.

The damage to the church itself is mainly superficial, but priceless stained-glass windows were shattered by the blast.

A 14-year-old foreign boy saved a London bus and passengers from falling into a bomb crater by standing in the road and shouting "Stop."

Strange Cargo

The strangest craft of all is that which has nothing else for cargo but a barrage balloon. These balloons carried with the convoys have proved their worth time and time again in scaring off the dive bombers.

By courtesy of the R.A.F. Commanding Officer here, a Canadian wing commander with wings and medals of the last war on his tunic, I boarded several balloon barrage ships, the newest branch of the Navy and a sea-going section of the R.A.F.

Three R.A.F. men go to sea with each of these balloon carriers; the crews consist chiefly of hardy fishermen.

Then we boarded a ferry barge that takes the balloons from the shore to their floating stations and back again. Formerly it carried ballast up and down the Thames,



RUSSIA NEXT?

Some of Hitler's most striking successes have been gained by doing the unforeseen and the unexpected. He is the prime exponent of the doctrine that surprise is the most important element in the waging of war. Stalin's obvious jumpiness and movements of the Red Army as a result of increasing German concentrations towards Eastern Europe may, therefore, not be altogether misdirected.

It has been taken rather for granted that German concentrations in Rumania represent the prelude to a move to break Britain's control of the Mediterranean with a drive through Turkey and Syria to Egypt, or, alternatively an attack towards Salonika through Bulgaria.

However, neither Germany nor Russia has held forth much serious pretence that the Russo-German Pact is either strong or durable and, apart from M. Molotov's rejection of Nazi overtures a few weeks ago, there are many reasons why Hitler should turn his legions in the "Mein Kampf" direction—the Ukraine. The Ukraine is a land dripping with riches and fat; it would provide the Germany of Hitler with virtually all he wants both for military adventures and the purposes of peace.

Where inclination joins hands with advantage, the temptation to a man of Hitler's calibre may well be irresistible.

The uneasiness of Bulgaria and the confident belligerence of Turkey all suggest that Axis-Soviet relations are not of the happiest, that, in fact, Russian interest in the Balkans and especially in that historic focus of Russian aims and fears—the Dardanelles, is maintained. Even Ribbentrop-draped rainbows across the Himalayas failed to seduce Russia into co-operation in obtaining for Hitler a throttling grip on the Black Sea.

All to-day is, of course, speculation. The next Axis move may be in the direction of frightening Bulgaria away from her inclination towards Russia. It may be an attack on vulnerable Yugoslavia. It is almost certainly a shift of scene from the invasion port zones.

The Russian question mark will loom very largely until the next Nazi objective is disclosed by definite action.

As destruction by bombing goes on, reconstruction is in the air as well. Sir John Reith has been made Minister of Works and Building. A Cabinet Committee is discussing the New Model Britain of after the war, while the Government's Property Insurance Bill will supply the financial basis for projects of rebuilding. Only a year ago, all the members of a Royal Commission were agreed that some limit should be set to London's growth—and London holds the limelight now because the capital is both big and battered.

Two hundred and seventy-four years ago, London was burnt down. Then, the city was built again with all speed to restart its life and livelihood and to prevent the migration of its citizens beyond its boundaries. This time, the exodus from the centre of London has been going on for forty years already, and the main problems of life in the London area have arisen from the combination of sprawling residential suburbs and crowded workplaces in the central districts. Rich market gardening land in the London basin has been obliterated by houses, while the most congested and complicated transport system in the world has been needed, not only to link Londoners with their work, but also to furnish their daily supplies.

Now the "Blitzkrieg" has underlined the monstrous artificiality of London. Under fire it has taken more ingenuity and resource to transport, supply and succour

the people of London than it would to provide for the entire population of most countries, if attacked. The task has been discharged with fair efficiency, often (some neutral observers say) because of, rather than in spite of, the lack of centralisation among public services, among independent electricity and gas works and competing dairies and other retail deliverers. There has been elasticity and lively improvisation. But the absolute dependence of London's millions upon distant supplies, and upon a close criss-cross of countless roads and railways stretching wearily for scores of miles, has not been helpful in the defence of Britain. And in many details, too, intensive bombing has given point to the claims of London's pre-war critics; rows of shoddy houses and lawdry tenements have given Goering's gallant airmen easy targets; and the confusion of narrow streets and the absence of broad, straight routeways have complicated both defence and communication.

Overcoming Difficulty

These difficulties have been partly overcome. But their abatement is a first item in any plan to remodel damaged London; this is a golden chance. This is not to say that the blue prints for a New Jerusalem are wanted or relevant. In the Great Fire, most of existing London was burnt down, but even then it was not possible to replan and rebuild the city as a single project or archi-

tectural exercise. The story that Christopher Wren put in a grand design which was rejected is just a legend. Homeless Londoners were anxious to set up house and go to work again, and the city's rebuilding was simply the sum of the rehabilitation of many thousands of families and businesses. All the authorities would do was influence the pattern of restoration by enforcing building standards, by insisting upon brick or stone in place of timber and by banning overhanging houses and narrow streets.

London is still the sum of its citizens, their lives and their occupations. It exists for them, not they for its aesthetic appearance or efficient functioning. Nor is the damage done, or likely to be done, to London as great in proportion as that done by the Great Fire. There can be no Phoenix, because there are not enough ashes; and the first aim of reconstruction, now as then, must be pure utility—to keep London habitable and fit to work and travel in. This is surely the immediate task, not any airy sketching of the city that might have been erected on Thames-side had the design been given out as a single entity to tendering architects instead of evolving formlessly over more than a thousand years. It is a twofold task: to repair the ravages of raids; and to lay down, for the first time effectively, wise building standards—to see that the new buildings are better than the old, wherever possible, more healthy and more convenient, less

crowded and more decent to live in; and to see that streets are straighter and wider than they were.

What "Luftwaffe" Has Done

This is not to say that the planners who have for long despaired of London have no place in its mending. The raids have proved many of their points. It should never have been left to the Luftwaffe to tear down London's slums; and it has taken only a few bombs on traffic routes to show the crazy inconvenience of a development which has set the homes and workplaces of Londoners a day's march apart. Nor should it have needed the shock of bombing to demonstrate the inefficiency of a local separatism that has administered London from a host of town halls and public offices. Plans for elastic emergency transport facilities to carry people out to the inner rim of London, there to be borne off fanwise to their various homes, echo the neglected Bressey Plan for smoother traffic and new routeways for London.

Sir John Reith is not to be asked first to draw up, say, a five-year plan, though his office may indeed hold the germs of the National Planning Board that has long been sought to supervise and control the use of Britain's land. His job is immediate; Government building he will be able to control directly; private building he will be in a position to control because all such building is banned without licence—to eke out building materials and labour. It is an exercise in war economy, to make the best use of scarce resources. In the first place, houses that are needed must at least be made habitable and safe. In the second, public places and thoroughfares must be rendered swiftly usable. And all the time, no bricks or mortar, steel, cement or workmen must be drawn away from essential uses, from the erection of war factories or the construction of defence works.

Problems To Be Faced

To allocate building materials according to a strict schedule of priorities, and to mobilise every available hand for the work and on the sites on which labour is most needed—this is what is wanted to keep London and the other bombed towns as going concerns and to maintain the war effort unimpaired. At present there is delay and waste, houses and workplaces too long out of use, communications and public services too tardily repaired, roads blocked too long by debris. Every effort is being made within the existing frame of organisation to mend matters; there are two Special Commissioners for London to rehouse the homeless and to repair roads and services; and 5,000 soldiers are clearing away London's debris. But authority in the large bombed urban areas is split too small; there are too many Ministries and undertakings concerned; and the districts within which repair resources are singly apportioned are still too confined for speed and efficiency to be achieved. This is, or ought to be, Sir John Reith's duty—to remedy these deficiencies and to give direction and drive to the process of reconstruction.

Planners Are Right

But, in the end, the planners are right. It is quite plain now that London must never again develop as London has done in the past, that every new house or office, factory or street, can be better contrived than the old ones and that the simplification of London's economy must be a first charge upon the ingenuity of the next generation. The immediate task of repair must not, indeed, be obscured by dreams of a better city. But, if that repair is well and wisely done, there will be the beginnings of that city, and the work of Sir John Reith's new Ministry under fire may lay the foundations, in practice and in administration, for wider and more progressive work later on. Towns are places for people to live and work in. The object now is to enable them to live and work despite the bombs; the object then will be to make it possible for them to live and work healthily, happily, conveniently, and efficiently. The one can, and should, lead to the other.

Hitler's Invasion Of United States

By Allan Michie

America has been the victim of an invasion: an invasion carefully planned and carried out by Adolf Hitler's agents.

It began long before the outbreak of war in Europe, but it has been allowed to develop in comparative secrecy largely because its two main weapons—espionage and propaganda—are not easy to expose.

Enough evidence has now been gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enable some of the facts to be put on record.

The revelations are disturbing to America: they should cause some concern at Britain's Ministry of Information.

The facts show that:

The Nazis have built up an amazingly efficient, widespread propaganda mill in America, directed by Germany's diplomatic and consular officials in Washington and New York;

German agents have been carrying out sabotage in factories making war materials for Britain and America;

Nazi commercial agents are successfully converting American business and financial interests to a policy of appeasement with Germany through the offer of "business advantages" for America in Europe if the Nazis win.

Four Aims

The objectives of Hitler's invasion of America are many:

- (1)—To block American aid to Britain either by influencing public opinion—or by sabotage if necessary—but at any rate to stop American intervention in the war;
- (2)—To prevent America building up adequate defences for herself in the shortest possible time;
- (3)—To create internal dissension in the United States; and
- (4)—To discredit democracy as a method of Government.

A variety of agencies have been employed to carry out the invasion.

Working on the sympathies of the seven million first and second-generation Germans in America are the Auslands Organisation—headed from Germany by Bradford-born Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, who still retains his British citizenship, along with his German—and the Deutsches Ausland In-

stitut in Stuttgart which floods America with propaganda.

Free News

The Transocean News Service, from its headquarters in New York, pushes Nazi-slanted news into the hinterland of the United States and South America, and gives its news-service for nothing if it cannot sell it.

The German Library of Information, a branch of the Nazi Consulate in New York, has 37 employees, and gets out such documents as "Polish Acts of Atrocity against the German Minority in Poland," and "Britain's Designs on Norway."

Its special pride is a weekly bulletin called "Facts in Review," which gives the official Nazi views on the war and politics, and goes out to several hundred thousand influential Americans.

Items from "Facts in Review" frequently find their way into small-town American newspapers, and even into nationally-known magazines.

More insidious are the activities of the German Railroads, Information Office in New York, which is headed by suave moustached Ernst Schmitz.

He has retained his full staff, although the British travel bureaux in New York closed at outbreak of war.

He subsidises, with advertisements, newspapers friendly to Nazism, and keeps his German superiors informed of the movements of British ships around New York for the benefit of U-boat commanders.

The German Embassy in Washington and the 24 consular posts throughout America are the most important cogs in the Nazi invasion machine.

Himmler's Spy

Under Nazism Germany's "diplomatic representation" has increased alarmingly. The New York Consulate, for example, now carries 110 on its pay-roll. In pre-Nazi days it never had more than 39.

The San Francisco office has 28. It used to have eight!

The personalities directing Hitler's invasion are typical of Nazi agents throughout the world.

Number One man is Captain Fritz Wiedemann, sinister-looking confidant of the Fuehrer, and his commanding officer in the last war, who directs Nazi interests from San Francisco.

Wiedemann selected a post on the west coast because he felt it was most ready for Nazi penetration.

Herbert Scholz, consul in Boston, is an intimate friend of Himmler, and keeps watch on the activities of other Nazi diplomats as a favour for the Gestapo chief.

Tall, handsome Wilhelm Tannenber, economic adviser at the German Embassy, and Schacht's mouthpiece in America, has the special assignment of making American businessmen appeasement-minded by dangling post-war deals with Germany before their eyes.

Baron Edgar Spiegel von und zu Peckelsheim, World War U-boat commander, watches American naval operations in the Gulf of Mexico from his post as New Orleans consul.

Official propagandist for the Nazis is Dr. Colin Ross, who interprets American reactions to his friend the Fuehrer.

Dr. Frederick Auhagen, another Nazi-American who considers himself an intellectual, presents the Nazi point of view at public functions and social gatherings.

Unofficial apologist for the Nazis is Karl von Weigand, pet foreign correspondent for William Randolph Hearst's newspapers.

While von Weigand was in Germany recently Hitler shrewdly gave him an exclusive interview, with the result that von Weigand is now presenting the Nazi case at as many social functions in New York as he can get invitations to.

Two counter-attacks can be made against this invasion: One by Britain, the other by America. To present the British case in America it is essential that the Ministry of Information establishes a wide-awake, news-conscious information (or propaganda) bureau in New York.

To expect the present British propaganda machinery in America to keep pace with the German machine is like backing a cart-horse against a Derby winner.

From America the only counter-attack the Germans would understand would be to break off diplomatic relations with the Nazis and ship the German agents back home.

More and more Americans are backing this step every day.

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EUROPEAN LAD'S STORY OF INCIDENT ON HILLSIDE

A STORY OF HOW he was attacked and would have had his jacket taken away by two men had his sister not cried out for help while they were walking on a hill-path behind Argyle Street on Sunday morning, was related by eight-year-old John Whitefield, of No. 142, Argyle Street, in the witness box before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning when Yim Kam and Leung Chi-shing, both 21, were charged with attempted larceny.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison, for the prosecution, alleged that accused followed the children up the hill and attempted to pull off the European lad's jacket. Accused were later arrested by Mr. C. de S. Robertson, of No. 144, Argyle Street.

First accused was sentenced to two months' hard labour while second accused, who admitted returning from banishment was given four months.

In evidence, John Whitefield stated that at about 10.30 a.m. on Sunday he and his sister, Yvette, were leading two dogs along the path on the hills, behind Argyle Street, when second accused blocked their way in front while first accused stood behind them.

The boy alleged that second accused struck him on the shoulder and attempted to pull off his jacket.

His sister shouted for help, and accused ran away. The lad and his sister were taken home by Mr. Robertson, who came to their assistance.

Mr. Robertson, who was sitting on his verandah facing the hills, said that he saw the children walking up the hill. They were followed by both accused, one of whom walked up to them, struck the boy, and attempted to pull off his jacket.

Witness rushed out but accused had already disappeared. He took the children to their home.

Mr. Robertson added that about half an hour later from his verandah, he saw the accused walking in Argyle Street. He left the house and arrested them with the assistance of two Chinese gardeners.

FOUR DAY BATTLE IN SHOW

More than 1,000 casualties were inflicted upon Japanese troops as the result of a four-day sanguinary battle fought on the snow-covered slopes of the Tahang mountain range in southern Shansi, field dispatches from the Shansi front reveal.

A large Japanese force of over 4,000 men based on Lantsuicheng and Paishan, north of Poai, launched a multi-offensive on Chinese strongholds in the Tahang mountain area. The invaders immediately clashed with the Chinese entrenched in their strongly fortified positions. Violent fighting ensued and lasted for four days and nights, during which Japanese attacks were repulsed with severe losses.

Routed, the Japanese suffered further casualties when pursued by the Chinese.

In the Tung-Pu Railway zone, a Japanese troop train speeding northward struck a Chinese mine in the vicinity of Yikow south of Houma and was badly damaged. The explosion caused the destruction of the locomotive, and four coaches and the derailment of five others. Some forty Japanese soldiers were killed. Traffic on the railway was interrupted for more than 30 hours. — Central News.

'BLACKMAIL OF KING' LIBEL CASE

A man who said he was a D.F.C. and late adviser to the Chinese Government was charged at Bournemouth with libelling Lord Beaverbrook.

The man was William Ernest Frank Jones, aged 48, of Northbourne Avenue, Bournemouth, who resided in Hong Kong for some months two or three years ago. He was committed for trial.

Mr. J. F. Claxton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Superintendent Frank Osman, chief of Bournemouth Police, received a postcard marked "Urgent."

In brackets underneath the address was "Copy to the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Lord Chancellor, London."

On the back was written: "London newspaper's secret news system proves Lord Beaverbrook instigated murder of Mr. Anthony Crossley, M.P., and Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P."

"Crime Gang"

"Lord Beaverbrook blackmailed Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, and the King and Queen of London. Lord Beaverbrook is chairman of a crime gang, international, who promote war, murder, rape."

"Your immediate aid is asked for publication of my book of exposure and for spreading of this essential news. W. E. F. Jones."

Mr. Claxton said that in the course of inquiry other postcards came into the possession of the police.

One of them, describing Jones as "lately adviser to the Chinese Government," stated:

"London newspaper's secret news system proves a private pirate submarine operated by the Beaverbrook secret crime gang was responsible for torpedoing the ship in the Atlantic in September, 1940, with 89 of our British children aboard."

"Can Prove It"

"The details. I have posted to the Chief Police Commission at Scotland Yard, London, with copy to H.M. the King."

"I wish to lecture to the Bournemouth Mayor, Corporation, and public, about this secret newspaper system. Please reply. — W. E. F. Jones."

Superintendent Osman said that Jones, asked if he realised the seriousness of the statements, replied, "It is true. I can prove it."

BILL OF HEALTH

During last week, 183 (two ported) cases of tuberculosis with 132 deaths; 21 of dysentery with 15 deaths; 16 of measles with two deaths; 14 of diphtheria with two deaths; 10 of typhoid with six deaths; eight of chicken-pox with one death; three of cholera with two deaths; two of small-pox with one death, and two of meningitis were notified to the Health Authorities.

Yesterday, there were 40 cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, four each of typhoid and

JUVENILES USED BY GANGSTERS

That the gangsters employed juveniles to snatch handbags, was revealed before Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when five Chinese, including three juveniles, were convicted.

Accused were Wong Fuk-chung, 26, Cheung Shi-kai, 13, two schoolboys, one 14 and the other 13, and one 10-year-old lad.

According to Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, Mrs. Ho Ying was walking in Jordan Road, near Temple Street, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, when her handbag was snatched by the 10-year-old boy, who took out a \$10 note and a bunch of keys from the bag, throwing them to the ground, to be picked up by the rest of accused.

She chased and caught the snatcher, but the rest escaped after picking up the note and the keys.

The snatcher accompanied her to the junction of Shanghai and Public Square Streets where she saw the other four, waiting apparently by pre-arrangement.

She chased and had the 13-year-old lad arrested, but the other three made their escape. She took the two arrested boys to Yaumati Police Station.

Caught In Shamshuipo

Early the following morning, two boys accompanied the police to Shamshuipo and found the other accused sleeping in streets.

At the police station, the three boys admitted that at 2 p.m. on Saturday they were accompanied by the two instigators to No. 156, Prince Edward Road. First accused lifted one boy over the wall to enable him to steal a jacket from the line. First accused was wearing the jacket when he was arrested.

The boys alleged that they were threatened by first and second accused to compel them to steal.

Sergeant Johnston asked that a serious view be taken of the offence against the ring-leaders.

First accused was sentenced to four months' hard labour, the second to six weeks, third and fourth to three strokes each, while the youngest lad was remanded for a week.

ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF RICE

Charged with moving rice out of the Colony without a licence from the Controller of Trade, a junk Master, Chan Fat, 40 and a merchant, Yeung Kai, 50, were each fined \$500 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Kinloch stated that during a routine search at Shaokwan yesterday, he boarded junk, No. T4157H, and found 196 bags of rice, valued at \$4,196 aboard. They had no permit to export the rice.

ADMIRAL LEAHY IN VICHY

Admiral Leahy, American Ambassador to Marshal Petain, has arrived in Vichy and is expected to see Petain either to-day or on Wednesday. — Reuter.

TAIPO ROBBERY

The manager of the Heung On Grocery Shop in Tai Po has reported that during Saturday night his shop was broken into and money and jewellery to the value of \$831.80 were stolen.

measles, three each of chicken-pox and diphtheria, and one of meningitis.

Whole Intervening Country Under British Patrol

(Reuter's Special Correspondent At British Headquarters in the Western Desert)

THE ITALIAN FRONT LINE NOW IS AT TOBRUK — GRAZIANI'S BIG NAVAL AND AIR BASE, NEARLY A HUNDRED MILES INSIDE LIBYA.

Between Bardia, now completely cleaned up, and Tobruk there are virtually no Italian troops. British patrols cover the whole of the intervening country. Tobruk's defences consist of two perimeters while Bardia had only one.

The outer perimeter of Tobruk is about 25 miles in circumference and the inner one about 11 miles. Whatever the future course of events in Libya, it is certain that General Graziani is in a very serious position.

Apart from the huge number of Italian prisoners, he had lost about half the total of his supplies of guns, food, ammunition and other war material available for the Italian army in Libya.

"Either General Graziani is a very bad general or he has been pushed into unwise action by the Fascist party," said a high British Officer, when giving me his conclusions on the campaign which culminated in the fall of Bardia.

Most Unwise

The Italians were most unwise, he said, to advance without securing themselves against such a defeat as the British Forces have now delivered. But it appears probable that Graziani was forced to do this against his better judgment. The Italian intelligence section has also been at fault.

It had been consistently wrong concerning numbers of British troops engaged, sometimes grossly over-estimating and at other times being completely unaware of their presence. — Reuter.

THAILAND BORDER FIGHTING

Continued fighting on the Indo-Chinese frontier with Thailand is reported from Vichy.

It is announced that a strong Thai reconnaissance column was counter-attacked on Friday by French troops and withdrew after having sustained losses.

On Saturday, Thai artillery shelled Bannapaksoom, 47 miles south-east of Saenakhet. The French carried out reprisals on Kemmarat. — Reuter.

SIX PEDESTRIANS WOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following the discovery on Sunday night of three hand-grenades outside the premises of the "Shun Pao" in Shanghai, an attempt was made at seven o'clock last night to throw seven bombs into the building.

Six pedestrians were wounded and removed to hospital.

A suspect was arrested in the neighbourhood by the Police.

Only one of the bombs exploded. — Our Own Correspondent.

NEW "CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA"

The first day of business in Tokyo for the new "Central Reserve Bank of China," established by the "puppet" regime in Nanking, ended yesterday with deposits amounting to C\$20,000,000 while banknote issues totalled C\$7,000,000. It was officially announced in Nanking yesterday, according to a Japanese report. — Reuter.

FRENCH CONTROL IN W. INDIES

Admiral Rovere, High Commissioner of the French West Indies, in a press interview on the subject of Martinique, said yesterday that he was authorised to defend the islands by force if necessary against any power trying to seize them from France.

No foreign influence detrimental to the interests of the United States will be allowed to gain control of Martinique, he said.

Under the armistice terms, he continued, Germany was bound not to seize French colonies by force.

The people of Martinique — both native and European — desire above all to help the Mother Country in her effort to regain her position as a first class power, he concluded. — Reuter.

GEN. CATROUX'S NEW POST

General de Gaulle has conferred on General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China, the title of Delegate-General for Egypt and High Commissioner for the Middle East and the Balkans, and has entrusted him with the leadership of the Free French Movement in the Balkans, Egypt, Syria, Palestine, the near East, Iran, Afghanistan, India and Somaliland. — Reuter.

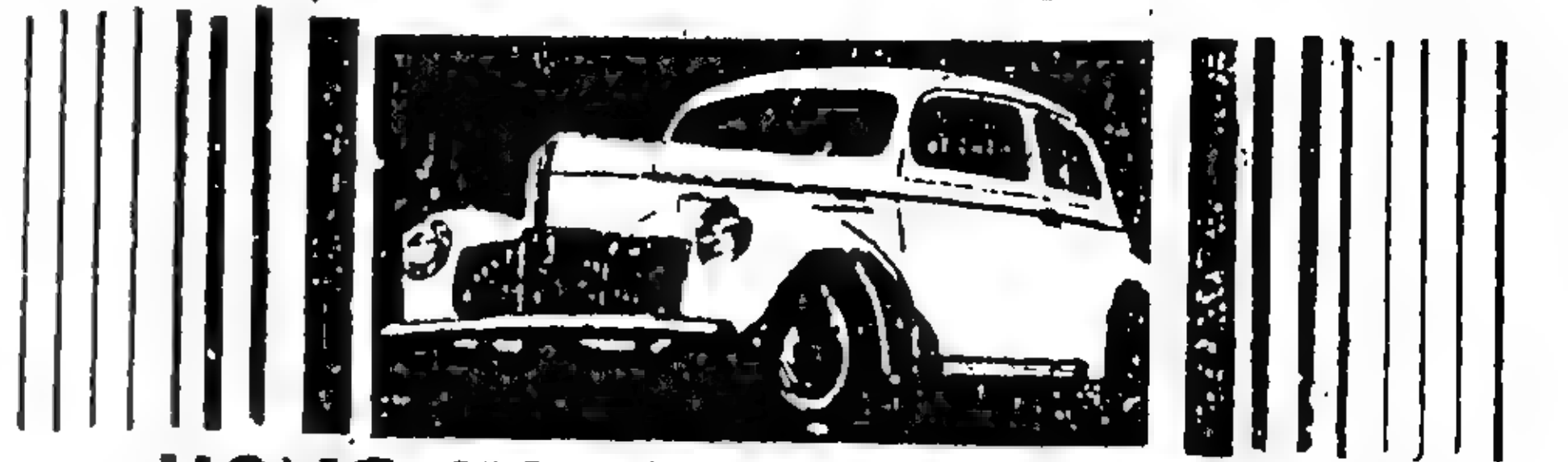
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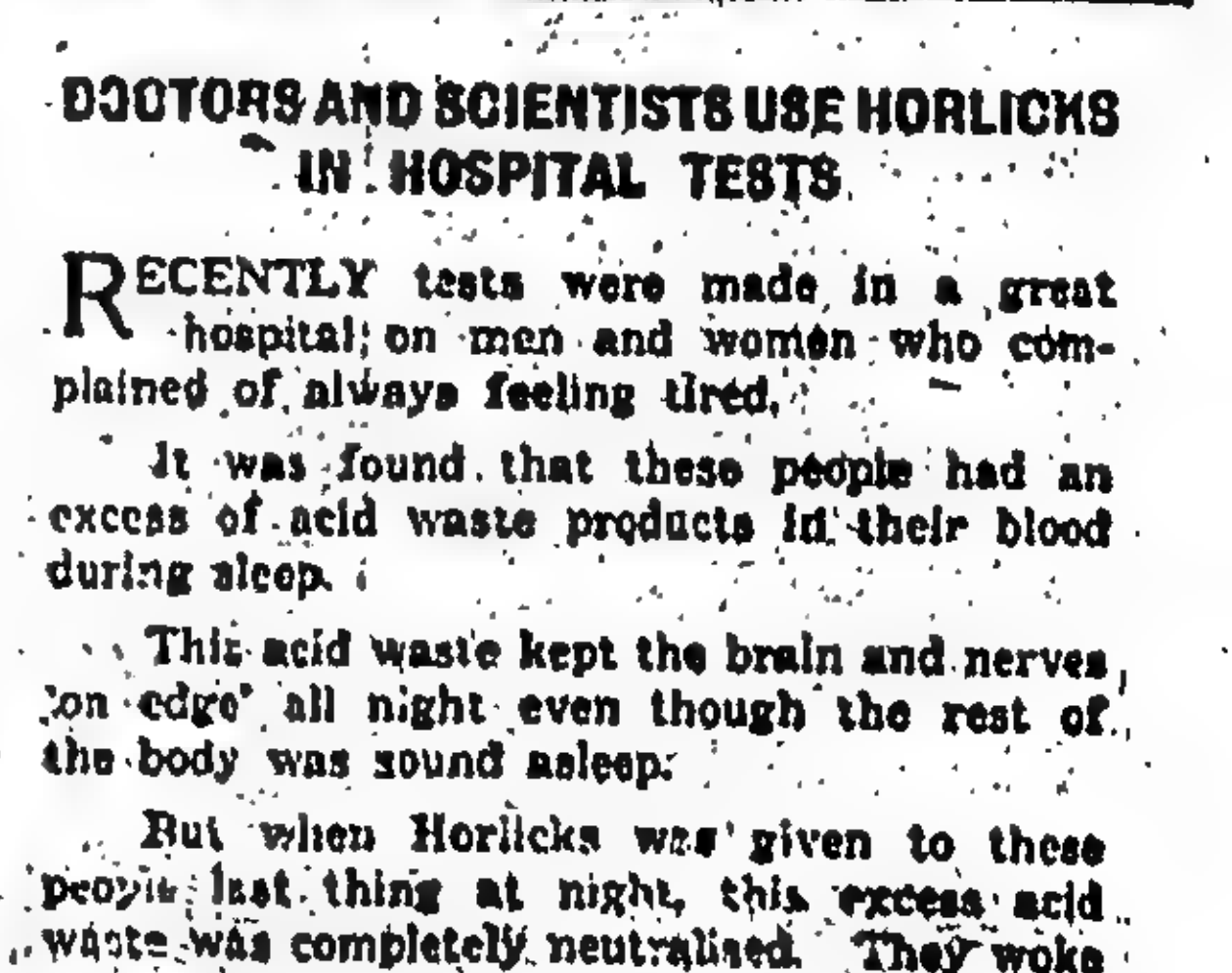
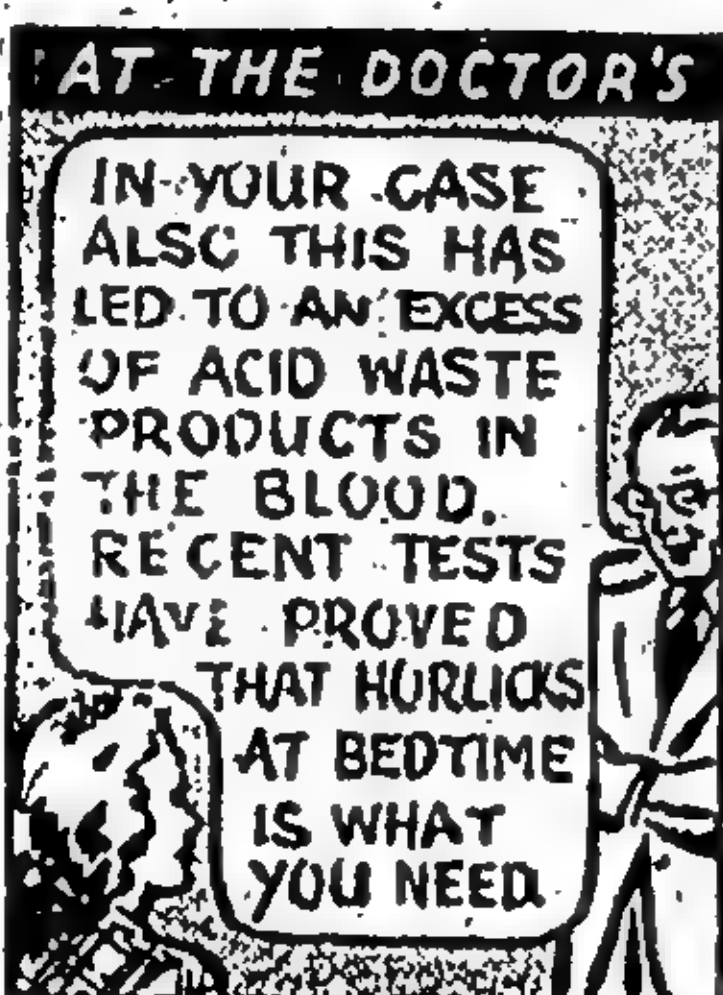
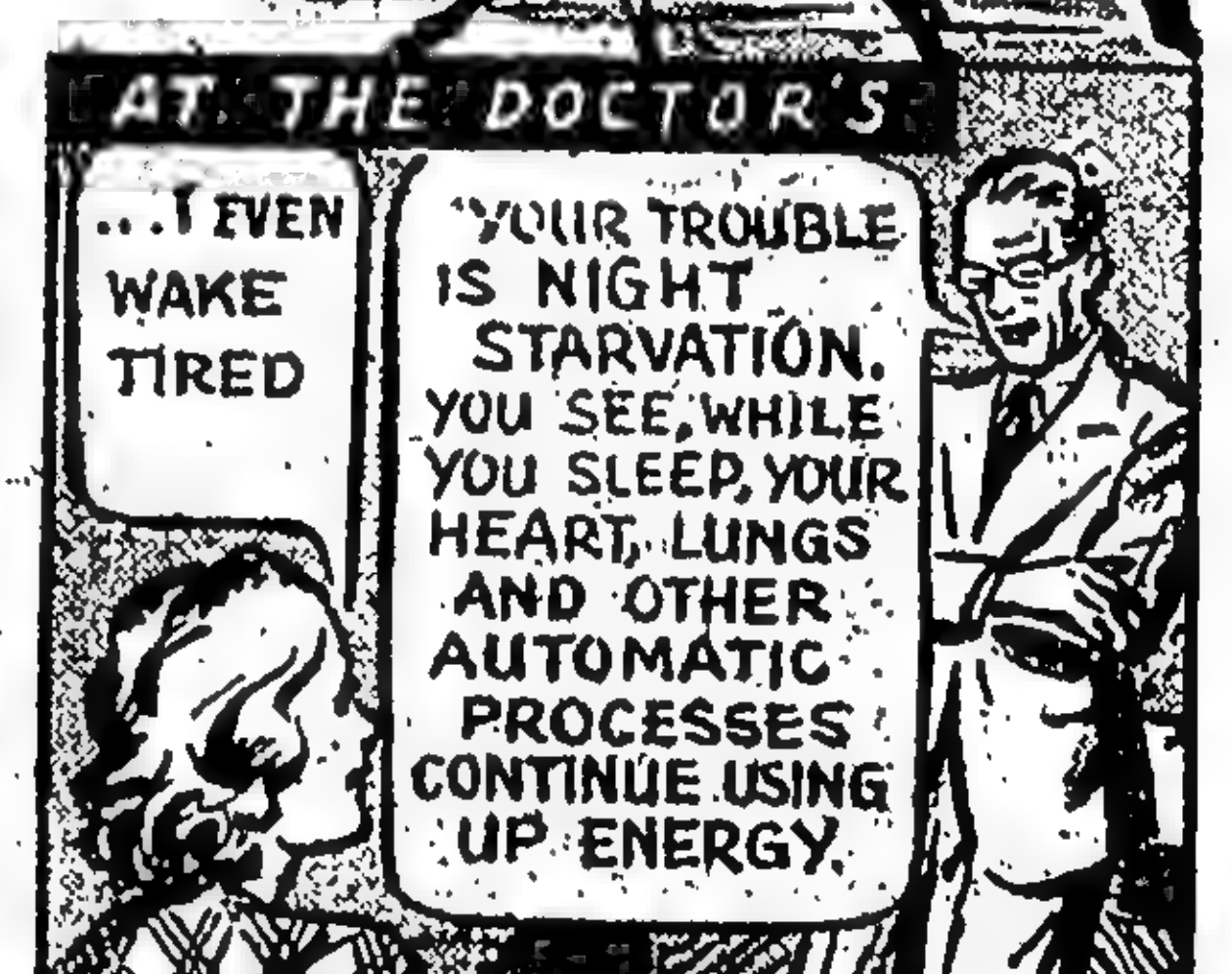
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BRIDGE NOTES

How To Get To Game By The Four Aces

To-day's hand is one we saw at a well-known club in New York:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7
♥ J 10 6 2
♦ A J 8 5
♣ K J 4 3

♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ Q 8 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ Q 8 5

♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ 5
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ A 7

♠ K J 6
♥ A K 9 7 4
♦ 3
♣ 10 9 6 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
8♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Naturally North and South wondered why they had missed an almost ice-cold game. North pointed out that he had approached the game in the most impeccable expert style; and South put in that his hand was so bare a minimum (without even a fit for North's diamonds) that he couldn't make a third bid. They finally agreed that the game was "unbidable" and went on to the next deal.

But the game was far from unbidable. North's second bid should have been four hearts, rather than just three hearts. What sort of hand could South have with which there would be no play for game? The fault lay in North's understanding of what was "expert style."

An alarming number of good (but not quite expert) players think it crude to bid a game bluntly and directly. They "edge up" on the game by using as many indirect bids as they can think of, as though game were the last thing they had in mind. After a suitable amount of this refined dallying, they graciously consent to bid a game.

All of that, of course, is far from expert style. The expert dallies when he needs information; but when he has that information he wastes no time in preliminaries. The way to get to game, very often, is simply to open your mouth, make the game bid, and then close your mouth. It's as simple as that!

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ A Q J 7 5
♣ K J 3

The bidding:

You	Muler	Jacoby	Barnstone
1♥	Pass	1♥	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
(7)			

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. You have already shown a near-minimum opening bid, but your partner still has hopes of game, as shown by his reopening bid. Your hand is strong enough to give him one more chance.

Score 100% for three hearts, 40% for pass.

Question No. 607

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 7
♥ 9 7 4
♦ K 8 6 5 3
♣ A K 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Barnstone
1♥	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer, To-morrow.)

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PILOTS NEST IN TREES

TWO FIGHTER PILOTS — A POLISH FLYING OFFICER AND A BRITISH PILOT OFFICER — MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR "JIM CROWS" RECENTLY BOTH HAD TO BALE OUT FROM THEIR DAMAGED AIRCRAFT—AND BOTH LANDED IN TREE TROPS IN KENT.

The British pilot, who claimed three "probable" German victims, was hit from behind by cannon fire, the shells passing his leg and exploding the petrol tank.

"I abandoned my aircraft," he said, "and delayed opening my parachute for about 12,000 feet. It opened perfectly and I landed on top of a tree in a wood near Ashford."

The Polish officer claimed "half" a Messerschmidt 109 and another Messerschmidt as a "probable." Although he was wounded by shell splinters, he continued his attack until his Hurricane dived out of control. He then took to his parachute and floated down and found his perch on a tree top some miles from Maidstone.

HOMES OF STARS IN DANGER

Magnificent homes and estates of Hollywood film stars are being eaten up by taxes, according to comedian Harold Lloyd.

Smaller places are greatly in demand by players and directors, especially in far outlying sections.

This is not to escape the attention of fans, but to escape city tax rates.

Lloyd was appealing to a meeting of the Los Angeles county supervisors to cut his assessment from nearly £60,000 to £25,466. He owns a magnificent home on a seventeen-acre estate.

A few more years like this he said, and even the richest of the stars are going to be living either in apartments or on distant farms. He added.

"Very well, someone says, if you can't live in your nice home move out—sell it."

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Be Exotic When You Go To Parties

TO-DAY I want to write to the younger girl—those of marriageable age, with a desire to wed, who have not been invited to become a young man's bride! I want to stress the importance of being exotic when one goes to parties, dances, and other places where Prince Charming might be discovered!

Don't be shy about making yourself as compellingly beautiful as possible! If an unusual colour is very flattering by all means have a gown made of that colour. Point up your eyes and your lips with rouge which will contrast vividly and well. Shop around for suggestions that will add glamour to your appearance. For instance, this year the South American influence has made black lace mantillas fashionable, worn over high exciting hair-dos or a stone-studded comb. If you cannot afford a couple of yards of rare lace, shop for a huge black lace handkerchief, or a black chiffon square bordered deeply in black lace. Wear it with your white or black gown—or even a pastel gown providing you carry the black accent to the dress by wearing black gloves, or having black bows on the dress.

Just because everyone has grown to know you as Plain Sue is no reason why you should sacrifice the joy you can experience by looking exotic! Surprise your friends and come out one evening so beautiful that they will gasp.

A Cinderella Story

I once knew a pretty little high-school girl who was very popular with girls and not at all popular with boys. She dressed in the usual sweater and skirt fashion, didn't bother about cosmetics. That was all right for school and sports, but she made the same mistake of going to parties looking just as casual and drab. Of course, the boys (who haven't much discernment at high-school age) passed her in favour of girls who came out with gay fads, and flattering gowns.

Well, the class play was cast and the visiting director spotted our little Plain Sue—but he saw



MARIA MONTEZ was not born looking exotic but see what she accomplished!

beneath that drab appearance. He gave her the ingenue lead, and from the night of the dress rehearsal, Plain Sue became the most popular of all girls. How?

Sue had been dressed exotically. Her hair was arranged most becomingly, her fresh beauty was expertly pointed up with make-up and her pretty figure (which she possessed all the time beneath those sweaters and skirts!) was dramatised by a simple but well-fitting evening gown of a colour which made her ravishing! One look at the leading lady and all the boys became stage door Johnnies! And from then on no

one ever thought of Sue as Plain Sue, and she had learned her lesson for life!

But while you are growing exotic don't pester the life out of your parents for a large clothes allowance. You must be clever in selecting new clothes, ornaments and gadgets and by wearing them to advantage. That means keeping your figure pleasingly contoured, your skin and hair radiating beauty through diligent care and encouraging the inner-woman to be poised and attractive. A lot of beauty comes from within but you can dramatise it by being exotic without!

Try These Exercises

It was surprising to note how popular foot exercises were with the many people who watched the famous exercise demonstration given at the Denmark Pavilion of the New York World's Fair last summer. There, Neils Bukh, Denmark's pride and glory, demonstrated to the masses how to grow strong and beautiful through corrective exercising.

He stressed foot work to relieve the aches which are so common to us if we stand for many hours, or even sit for many hours. Physical activity keeps muscles elastic and elastic muscles cause no aches.

The foot, Mr. Bukh said, is one of the most abused portions of the human body. Improper shoes, lack of exercise, tight stockings and poor posture all help to give us trouble. Then too, "the foot is falling into disuse except as an appendage for stepping on the gas." We should walk much more in good fitting shoes than we do!

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Do These Every Day

For these exercises, stand with your feet from six to eight inches apart. Raise the heels from the floor, concentrating the weight of the body on the balls of the feet.

1—Roll gently backward and forward from the balls of the feet, to limber the foot.

2—Stand on the outer edges of your foot, toes curled slightly inward. Walk forward six steps, and backward six steps, in this position. Then combine Exercises 1 and 2 and do them to music rhythm. Five minutes should be spent this way.

3—Rise on your toes and then drop to your heels. Repeat this to a one-two count at least ten times. Then walk around the room several times on tip toes with perfect rhythm in your pace.

4—Now place one foot diagonally forward about two foot lengths. Distribute your weight evenly on both feet. Roll gently forward and backward by rising on toes and dropping to heels without bending your knees. Do this about twenty times and then change position and put back foot



Up on your toes, down on your heels, with an easy swing!

forward and repeat.

Rhythm Is Important

To get full benefit from these corrective exercises you must do them in rhythm. Do them to a record or music on the radio. Feel yourself swaying as if they were dance steps. Let your body swing as you roll or walk.

And try to be sensible about your shoes. The next time you buy a pair for daytime wear select those which have a broader heel of comfortable walking height. They need not be flat—in fact they may be two inches high if they

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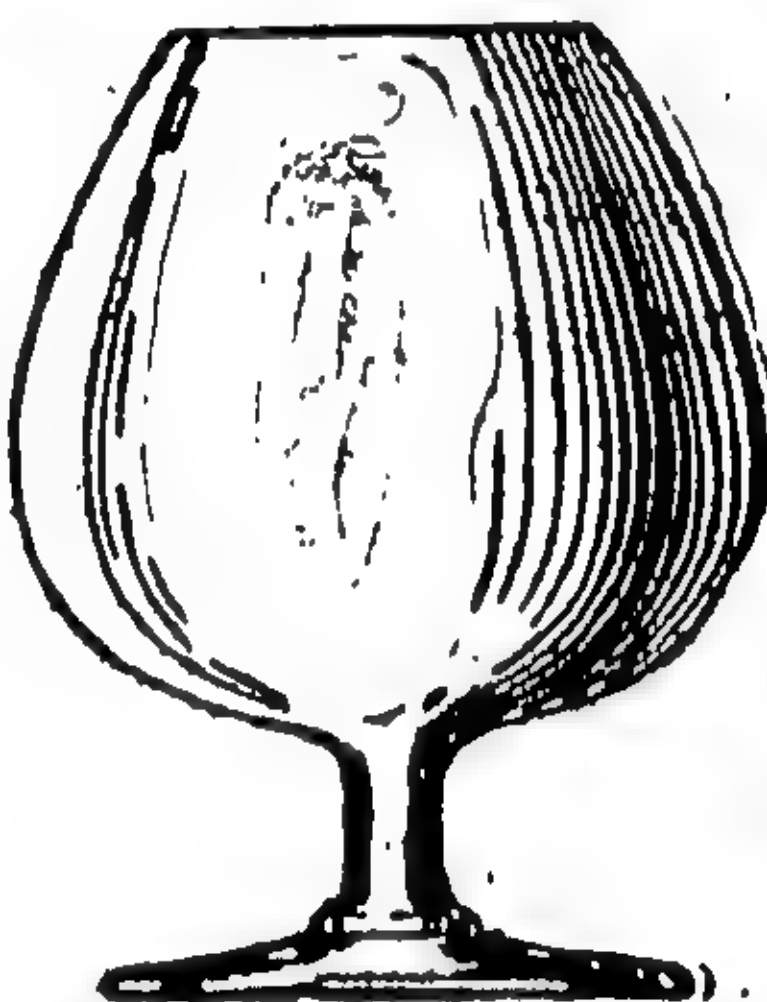
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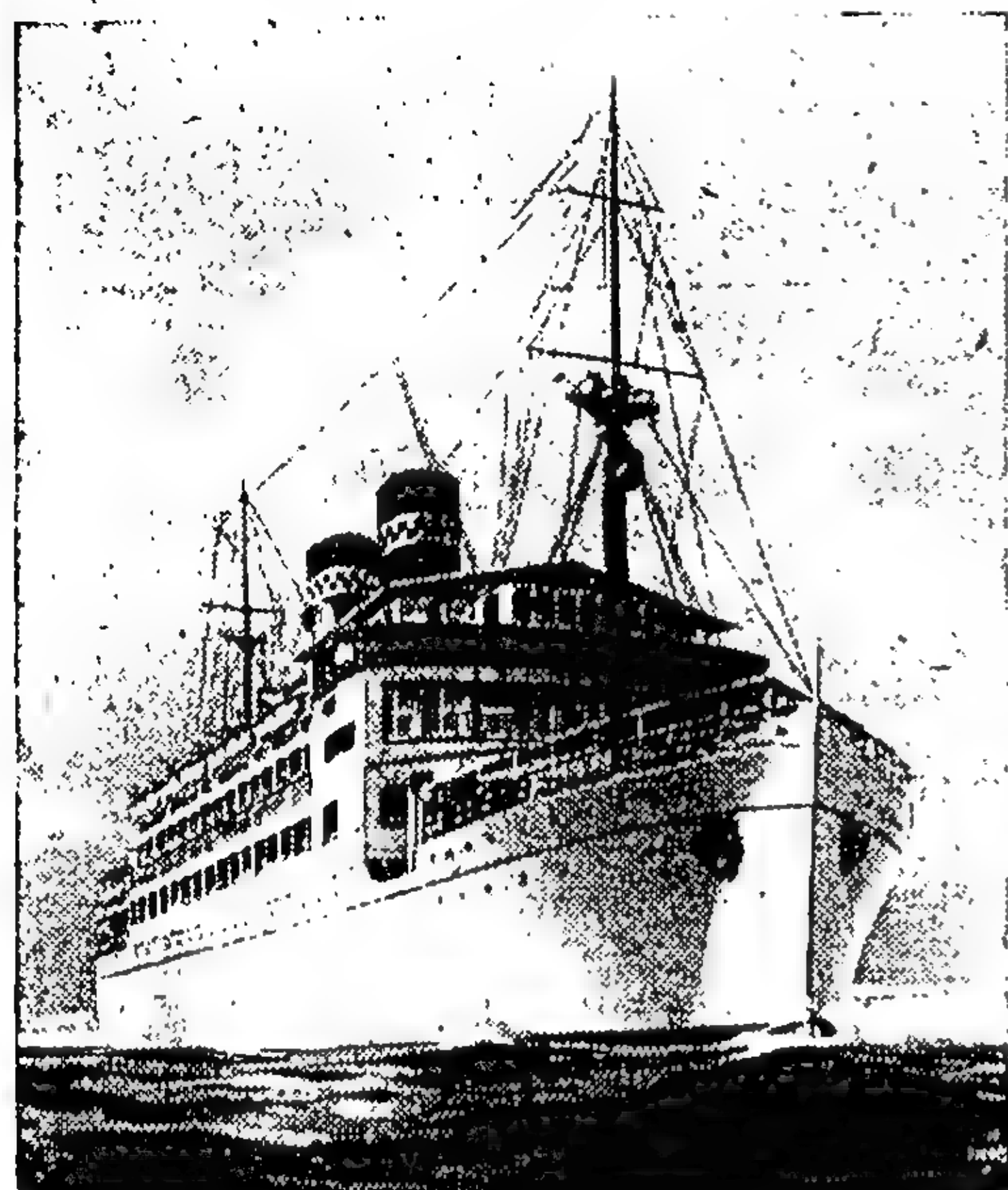
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ENCOURAGING THE YOUNGER ELEMENT

CONSCRIPTION IN AMERICA IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A NEW CROP OF GOOD BOXERS, STATES A CABLE FROM NEW YORK.

Jimmy Bronson, noted figure in American boxing, who was boxing director of the American Expeditionary Force in the last war, believes that the champions of the future will come from the camps now in existence all over the country. He has expressed his readiness to handle the boxing in the army again, if the United States Government is willing.

"The A.E.F. really remade boxing in this country," Bronson said in an interview. "In the first place, boys who didn't know a boxing glove from a bag of beans, took eagerly to the sport in camp tournaments and some of them discovered they were pretty good and later became professionals."

Products of Last War

"Bob Martin inter-allied heavy-weight champion, and Gene Tunney were probably the two best-known boxers to come out of the last war, but there was a long list of other lads who weren't so bad—Al Norton, Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Ted Janeson, Sergeant Ray Smith, Art Donovan, now America's leading referee, and others."

Steps are already being taken by Mike Jacobs, America's most famous boxing promoter, and president of the 20th Century Sporting Club, Inc., in New York, to provide America's young manpower in training camps with boxing equipment wherever they are stationed.

But it is not with the thought, necessarily, of producing champions that Jacobs has undertaken to supply, of his own accord, the camps with boxing rings, gloves and other paraphernalia necessary for the sport. It is to help the new army to attain greater physical fitness, to add interest to their soldiers' recreation hours, and at the same time to further the cause of boxing. Already he has installed the necessary equipment at some military camps, and others will be supplied with it as soon as possible.—Reuter.

BAN ON PRIZE FIGHTS

Professional boxing has been banned throughout the Osaka prefecture as "unhealthy" under the new amusement enterprise regulations, the Domei news agency reported recently. The regulations went into effect on Dec. 22.

Under the new rule, professional tennis and baseball players were classified in the same category as actors and other performers. Henceforth, these players will have to obtain police registration cards before they may appear in "games for profit."

The regulations, which contained 122 articles, placed stringent restrictions on the sale and distribution of tickets for performances regardless of whether they are benefit affairs for charitable institutions or for private profit.

In Tokyo, police announced they have no intention to adopt the Osaka measures banning professional boxing.

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MRS. CASSIDY WINS MEDAL COMPETITION

The Medal Competition held by Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Ladies Section during the latter two weeks of December over the New Course, Fanling, resulted in a tie between Mrs. Cassidy and Mrs. Valentine.

The scores were:—Mrs. Cassidy 85—14=71; Mrs. Valentine 97—26=71.

Mrs. Cassidy wins with the lower score over the last nine holes. There were 26 entries.

Bogey Competition

A Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday, January 21, for a prize presented by the Ladies Section.

The Captain's Cup will be played for under the usual conditions commencing this month.

Draw for the Ross Cup:
Mrs. Sommers v Mrs. A. M. Rowell.

Mrs. Smalley v Mrs. A. D. Humphreys.
Mrs. Shrigley v Mrs. W. N. Fleming.

Mrs. Overy v Mrs. Piercy.
The First Round to be played by 4th February.

The Semi-Final to be played by 18th February.
The Final to be played by 4th March.

STUBBS SHIELD RESULTS

The Second Round results of the Stubbs Shield competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club were:

H.K.S.R.A. received walk-over from Gilman and Co.; Army Audit Staff beat 12th Heavy Regt., R.A.; P.W.D. beat Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank 4 and 3; Education Department received walk-over from R.A.O.C.; 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., beat Dairy Farm 4 and 2; Air Raid Wardens beat J. D. Hutcheson and Co. 6 and 4; Butterfield and Swire beat Post Office 5 and 4; Dedwell and Co. beat Government Medical Department 3 and 2.

All competitions for the New Year meeting at Fanling were cancelled owing to lack of entries.

In addition to G. M. Park and G. Thomerson, who tied for the "S. C. M. Post" Bomber Fund competition 3 up, T. Megarry also had a card of the same value. The three players will now have to play off.

The Monthly Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil to-day at 8 p.m.

EFFECT OF WAR ON ENGLISH BOXING

International belligerence generally has resulted in the private variety being stimulated considerably. Between 1914-1918 there were twenty-five title fights in England and the Inter-Allied Tournaments during 1918 and 1919 provided an immense stimulus to the boxing game in London.

The Bickett-Carpenter fights brought the game to its apex in London and if their heavyweights were not of the best at the time they had Ted "Kid" Lewis, one of the best welters ever, Jimmy Wilde, a strong contender for the title of the finest fly-weight the world has ever seen, and Tancy Lee, who beat Wilde as a fly-weight and then won the feather-weight title three times, annexing the Lonsdale Belt outright for this great performance.

Early Chaos

How, then, is this war affecting boxing in England? For the first month or two chaos reigned. In the Provinces the game struggled on in Liverpool and the north-east, but in London only one hall, the Devonshire Sporting Club, kept the game alive. Then Sydney Halls, probably the principal promoter in England, began Monday afternoon shows at the Stadium Club.

The boxing fraternity, bewildered by the absence of their greatest stimulants, crept out of their holes and Monday afternoons became a get-together day in which the hand shaking and greetings almost made the actual boxing a poor obligation.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

AT Shamshulpo on Sunday in Large Units Hockey League Middlesex and Rajputs drew each side scoring three goals, after the Middlesex had a one goal lead at the interval.

Some good hockey was witnessed in this game which was one of the best and fastest games seen this year in Army Hockey.

Middlesex had most of the play in the second half, and if they could only find a combination for short corners, they would easily finish top of the League. So far neither teams have lost a game yet and both should finish somewhere near the top.

Rajput Regt., on the other hand, have an exceptional short corner combination and scored their three goals from these corners, through Capt. Wood.

Bright scored the "hat trick" for Middlesex.

The first half did not produce any exciting moments except when Bright scored the first goal after Moggeridge had made a solo run down the wing and passed to Bright who made no mistake, giving the goalkeeper no chance.

The second half soon brought Rajputs on level terms when Capt. Wood scored the equaliser from a short corner.

There were numerous exciting moments in this half with both sides narrowly missing, especially on one occasion when Rajput's goalkeeper made a brilliant save from Sheehan.

Bright then scored Middlesex's second goal to give them the lead again, but not for long, for Capt. Wood again scored from a short corner with a fine low drive.

Immediately after the restart Middlesex again scored through Bright who ran in to net one of the finest goals yet seen in this competition after Jackson put over a fine centre.

It then looked as if Middlesex were easily going to take both the points. With not much time to go, the Rajput Regt. never gave up hope of getting the equaliser.

They were soon rewarded when they were awarded another short corner for Capt. Wood to once more net the equaliser.

In the Hong Kong Hockey tournament Engineers were beaten by Khalsa at Sookunpoo on Sunday by 3 goals to 1.

Signal Coy. beat 5th A.A. Regt.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS RUGBY TEAM

The undermentioned have been selected to represent the Combined Small Units in a friendly Rugby-football match against "Club" "A" at the Club ground, Happy Valley, tomorrow at 4.30 p.m.

Sgt. Hamlin, (R.A.S.C.); Pte. MacDonald, (R.A.M.C.); Sgm. Litchner, (R.C.O.S.); Capt. Barclay, (R.A.M.C.); Pte. MacPherson, (R.A.S.C.); Lt. Coombes, (R.A.M.C.); Capt. Scriven, (I.M.S.); Sgt. Mansfield, (R.A.F.); Cpl. Chandler, (R.A.M.C.); Lt. Col. MacPherson, (R.A.O.C.); Capt. Crew, (R.A.S.C.); Pte. Wigglesworth, (R.A.M.C.); Pte. Mohan, (R.A.M.C.); Lt. Stockham, (R.A.F.); and Lt. A. C. Gash, (R.A.F.).

Reserves:—Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C.; Sgm. Harrington, R.C.O.S.; Sgm. Willis, R.C.O.S.

"A" team by two clear goals after a hard fought game.

Signals were a better combining team and did not give the Gunners much chance of getting through to score.

TO-DAY, at Sookunpoo Royal Scots will meet Middlesex in the Small Units Rugby League to decide the winners of the "A" section of the League. Engineers have already won their respective section.

Royal Scots are in a better position than Middlesex who are a point behind, which means that the Middlesex have to win to make certain of the section.

This game should be worth watching, as both teams have some very good talent.

IN the Garrison Billiards League Signals beat the R.A.O.C. by four points to three.

Billiards

R.A.O.C.	Signals
S/C. Gardner 150° (21)	Sig. Lilley 115° (25)
S/S. Emberson 150° (20)	Sgt. Brackenbury 144
Sgt. Pitt 150	Sig. Allen 148
L/Cpl. Savin 105	L/Cpl. Murphy 150
L/Cpl. Hobson 83	Cpl. Blount 150° (21 & 23)
L/Cpl. Paul 135	L/Cpl. Pitcher 150

Breaks of twenty and over.

The winners of the Garrison Billiards League will undoubtedly be R.A.M.C. who have won this competition for the past two years. They have only another three matches to play and Royal Scots are their nearest opponents who are 26 points behind.

The Final of the Army Amateur Billiards Championship will be played between Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. and S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C.

Cpl. Harvey beat B.S.M. Rawlings, R.A. in the semi-final last week by 62 points. Harvey scored 400 with three breaks of (20), (20) and (23), and Rawlings scored 338 with two breaks of (20) and (20).

S.Q.M.S. Wood defeated Pte. Whybro of R.A.M.C. by one point after a very even game. This was the best game of the competition with S.Q.M.S. Wood scoring 400 with two breaks of (58) and (22), and Whybro 399 breaks of (22) and (30).

It is interesting to note that the Final of the Individual Snooker Championship will be played between Lieut. W. V. Dixon, R.A.M.C. and Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C. who are the Secretary and Clerk respectively of the Hong Kong Area Billiards.

It will be remembered that Cpl. Harvey won this competition last year and we wish him success, and would like to see him win it for the second year in succession.

H.K.V.D.C. have reached the Final of the Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Medical Corps are in the Final of the Garrison Challenge Cup, and will play either Corps of Military Police or 22th Coy. (F) Engineers.

Royal Army Medical Corps have a fine record for Billiards in the last two years, having won the following competitions:

Garrison Billiards League (Inter-Units)	1938
Garrison Billiards League (Inter-Units)	1939
Garrison Challenge Cup	1938
Garrison Challenge Cup	1939
Soldiers' Club Tournament	1939
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Wyre, R.A.M.C.)	1939
Amateur Snooker Championship (Cpl. Harvey, R.A.M.C.)	1939

IN the Second Division of the Men's Softball League Royal Air Force defeated Cosmopolitans after a very hard struggle by two runs, the scores being R.A.F. 18, Cosmopolitan 16.

Royal Scots suffered heavily to South China who defeated them by 14 runs to nil.

Royal Artillery gained a further two points at the expense of Royal Engineers who were unable to field a team.

YESTERDAY at a meeting of Army Association Football selection committee the following were chosen to represent the Army in the forthcoming "Kotewall Cup" game:

Bankier (R. Scots); Naysmith (R. Scots); Fraser (R. Scots); Birrell (Engineers); Bright (Middlex); Freshwater (Middlex); Owens (R.A.); Hossack (R. Scots); Fox (Engineers); Weir (R.A.S.C.); and Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

Reserves:—Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Lawton (R.A.); Guy (R.A.); Pearson (Middlex); Pelham (Engineers); and Munro (R. Scots).

Alice Marble's Claims To Tennis Immortality

Can She Be Ranked Greatest Ever?

Very Big Loss To Amateur Tennis

WHEN ALICE MARBLE TURNED PROFESSIONAL A SHORT TIME AGO, AMATEUR LAWN TENNIS LOST ITS LEADING WOMAN PLAYER OF THE WORLD. IT HAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE WAS THE GREATEST WOMAN TENNIS PLAYER OF ALL TIME.

It is always hard to select the greatest player of all time in any sport. This is especially true in the case of women's sports, as playing conditions, especially as regards dress, have changed greatly in the past 50 years.

A few of the women players who have won their country's championship as well as the titles of other countries, especially the championship at Wimbledon, have stood out far above the rest. And it is naturally from among them that the greatest, if there is to be a greatest named, must be selected.

May Sutton Wins Honours

The first to win world-wide fame was May Sutton of California when she added the Wimbledon title to her United States honours. Then came Molla Bjursted, the famous Norwegian; Suzanne Lenglen, the great French player; Helen Wills; Helen Jacobs, and Miss Marble, the last three from California.

That the greatest player of all time is among this group cannot be questioned. Of the above-mentioned players, Miss Wills, Miss Lenglen, and Miss Bjursted won the most national titles, Miss Lenglen and Miss Bjursted were practically contemporaries. Of these two we favour Miss Lenglen as the better despite her famous default to the former.

The Best Player Of Them All

Miss Wills was at her best after Miss Lenglen had begun to fall off in her playing, so there is no way of actually telling which was the better of the two. But we believe that most or all of those experts who saw all of the above-named players at their best would, were they to pick the greatest woman tennis player of all time, name either Miss Wills or Miss Lenglen as that person. And that is as far as we would care to go.

Miss Marble has played very fine tennis during the past two years. Had she continued as an amateur she would undoubtedly have led her field for several years.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following have been chosen to represent the Civil Service C.C. in friendly cricket matches on Saturday:

1st XI v Hong Kong C.C. (Home):—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, H. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, H. Parrott, A. E. Perry.

2nd XI v Army (Sookunpoo):—H. E. Strange (Capt.), J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lookhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

During the week-end, A. J. Dennis with a score of 75-10=65 qualified for the Captain's Cup over the Old Course and A. V. Greaves with a score of 84-15=69 qualified over the New Course. There were 46 and 14 entries respectively.

CARNERA'S SERVICES REJECTED

Giant Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion of the world, told the United Press in an exclusive interview recently that Italian military authorities had turned him down as unfit when he volunteered for active service. "Carnera" said he tried to join the parachute corps "but authorities said my 292 pounds would require a special parachute. I have been rejected a total of three times on account of my recent stomach operation."

MAJOR U.S. GOLF TOURNEYS CHANGE TO NEW VENUE

MAJOR GOLF, cradled in the East, appears headed for a lively explorative excursion into the great open spaces of the South-west, producer of some of the game's brightest stars, writes a Chicago correspondent.

The 1941 National Open Championship is set for June 5-7 at Fort Worth, Texas, and the annual convention of the Professional Golfers' Association in session here brought the announcement that the Western Open will be played Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Training Ground

Never before, several veteran professionals pointed out, has the National Open been played in the South-west. And to a man they believe that this section, training place of such stars as Byron Nelson, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Demaret, Ben Hogan, and Dick Metz, will rally behind the 1941 open for a record-smashing attendance figure.

Attendance at last summer's National Open in Cleveland, won by Lawson Little, was the best in years, approaching the huge turnouts of the Bobby Jones era in the late 20's.

Championship Test

While the Colonial Club of Fort Worth will be a real championship test, the average course in the South-west is conceded to be shorter and easier than those in the East. Nelson, current P. G. A. champion and former National Open title holder, has expressed the belief that these shorter courses, calling for expert short iron play, are responsible for the large number of Texas-developed stars now making golf headlines. The P. G. A. convention went through a routine business session to re-elect President Tom Walsh of Chicago for another year.

WILL ABOLISH PROFESSIONALISM

JEAN BOROTRA, new French health minister, has announced a general sports programme pointing toward abolition of professionalism three years from now, and laying major emphasis on amateur athletics.

General recommendations which Borotra has approved stated "professional sport must disappear. Only amateur sport will be continued."

Professionalism will be limited to football, boxing, cycling, and basque tennis was given a three years' lease on life but no longer.

'VARSITY MAKE NO MISTAKE

If there have ever been any doubts regarding the superiority of University "A" or their prospects of winning Senior Division of the Badminton League, they were dispelled last night, when, at Recreio, the undergraduates beat Recreio by the crushing margin of 9-0.

The match was disappointing in that few really close games were seen and the fact that at no time was any but the eventual result possible.

K. W. Choy, the new University player from Malaya, more than lived up to his reputation, proving to be a player who will be difficult to stop in the forthcoming championships. He has a wide repertoire of strokes, is speedy, and is possessed of brilliant courtcraft.

Recreio's move in splitting up the Oliveira-Remedios partnership was not a success although Oliveira, who paired off with Rodrigues, gave an excellent display in the closest game of the evening, when they only just lost to Chew and Hui after "setting."

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Rec.)
lost to K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee 8-21
lost to H. F. Chew and P. K. Hui 12-21
lost to P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim 13-21
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 16-21
lost to Chew and Hui 19-21
lost to Bun and Lim 9-21
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Rec.)
lost to Choy and Lee 10-21
lost to Chew and Hui 20-23
lost to Bun and Lim 16-21

Yesterday's Yachting

The ladies' championship series sailed by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.9 miles resulted:
Redshank 4.44.46 Miss Pritchard 10 1
True Blue 4.46.30 Miss Wilson 8 2
Maureen 4.47.40 Mrs. Whittaker 6 3
Gull 4.49.55 Miss Richards 4 4
Jean 4.51.50 Miss de Chaffoy 3 5
Artemis 4.55.40 Miss Challinor 2 6

GRAPHIC GOLF



Taking The Count BY BEST BALL

Recovery is a matter of weight in many fields these days. The term is also of considerable significance in golf. Recovery shots have been part and parcel of the game since its inception and will continue to play a role in the sport for as long as it exists. To the beginning golfer recovery shots seem to play a major function, to the expert golfer they are often few and far between. But there are few if any really perfect rounds and the average player should realise this to develop a proper golf philosophy. Let him take the bad breaks as part of the game and he will be able to play such shots in a calmer frame of mind. It is largely one's nervousness that causes inefficiency here.

Hurried, hasty swinging must give way to smooth, powerful stroking. Take a full backswing and cock the wrists fully so that there is plenty of snap to the wrists as the clubhead digs in to the sand. Avoid lifting the head to see what has happened. It must be kept down, while the clubhead swings through. If this is difficult, count to three slowly before raising the head to see where the ball has gone. Constant application to this factor will soon make it a habit. If you have any doubts about the eventual trajectory of the shot, aim at the largest part of the green. The important thing is to get out of trouble in one stroke.

Next Article.—Before The Downstroke.

WELSH CARGO VESSEL BATTLES WITH U-BOAT

Dramatic Story Revealed on Arrival At Gibraltar

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Gibraltar)

SLIGHT NAZI DAYLIGHT RAIDS

Bombs were dropped in the London area, in Kent and in the Eastern counties by single aircraft which flew over these areas on several occasions during daylight yesterday, states an Air Ministry communique.

Some damage was done to houses and shops and a small number of people were killed and injured.—Reuter.

HOW A WELSH cargo steamer outwitted, outfired, disabled and possibly sank a U-boat was thrillingly described to me yesterday.

The cargo steamer is the Sarastone. She fought a long engagement with the U-Boat, finally leaving her with smoke and yellow fumes pouring out, showing that the German craft had been hit seriously and damaged.

The Sarastone was in an Atlantic convoy when acute boiler trouble caused her to reduce speed to two knots.

The convoy went on and Captain John Herbert, of the Sarastone decided to make his way to Lisbon.

Two days later, on the afternoon of December 22, the Nazi submarine was seen coming to the surface about three miles away.

Captain Herbert continued to move slowly and apparently the submarine could not perceive the vessel's movement, for it approached from astern. When about two miles away, the submarine opened fire with light guns and the Sarastone's 12-pounder gun defiantly barked back, but her shells fell short.

The submarine was seen to be bringing a heavy gun to bear on

the Sarastone when another shell from the merchant ship burst under the heavy gun putting it out of action.

Hit Aft

A light gun duel then followed until one of the Sarastone's shells hit the submarine aft and the Sarastone's delighted crew saw clouds of smoke and yellow fumes coming from their adversary.

The U-boat continued to fire light guns and pom-poms from the bridge while the Sarastone fired 27 rounds.

Then the freighter's crew realised that the submarine had stopped firing.

The Sarastone then went on her way completely unscathed towards Lisbon, leaving the crippled submarine behind.—Reuter.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce contemplates presenting Government with another petition to postpone enforcement of the Immigration Ordinance until the middle of next month.

A meeting to discuss the petition is being held this evening.

The price of firewood reached a new high record this morning when the rate in the market was quoted at 27 catties per dollar.

"Never in the history of the Colony has the price risen so high," remarked a Chinese businessman to-day.

At one time, firewood was obtainable at 100 catties per dollar.

Government, it is understood, has the whole situation under review and may shortly take steps to control prices.

By Proclamation appearing this afternoon in a Government Gazette Extraordinary, it is provided that the Immigration Control Ordinance, 1940, shall come into force on January 15, 1941.

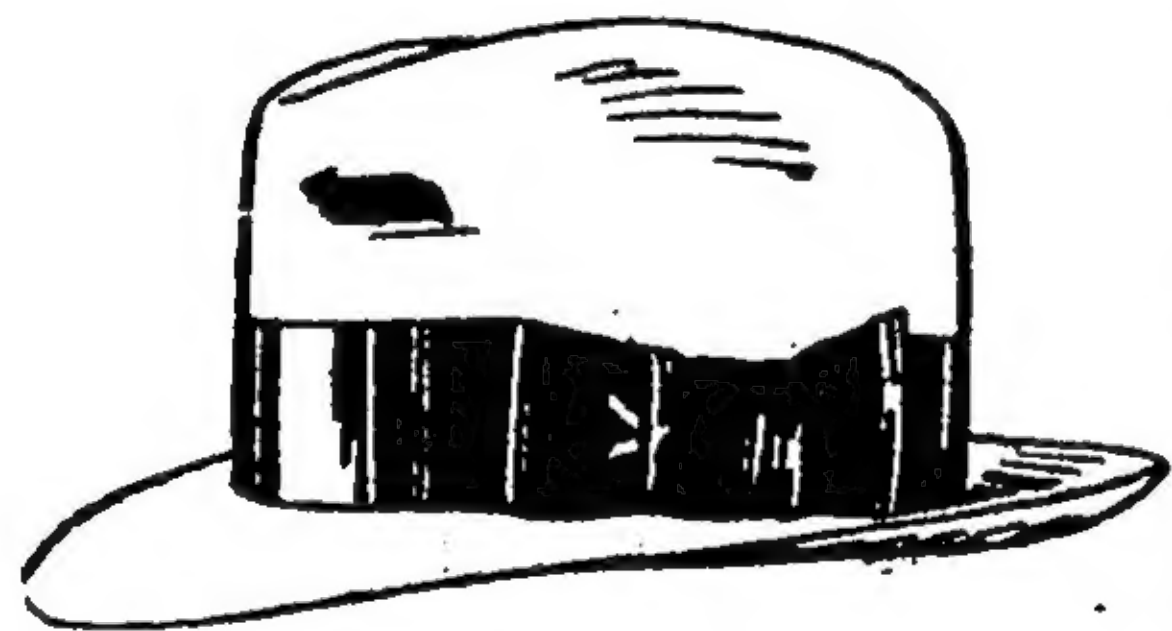


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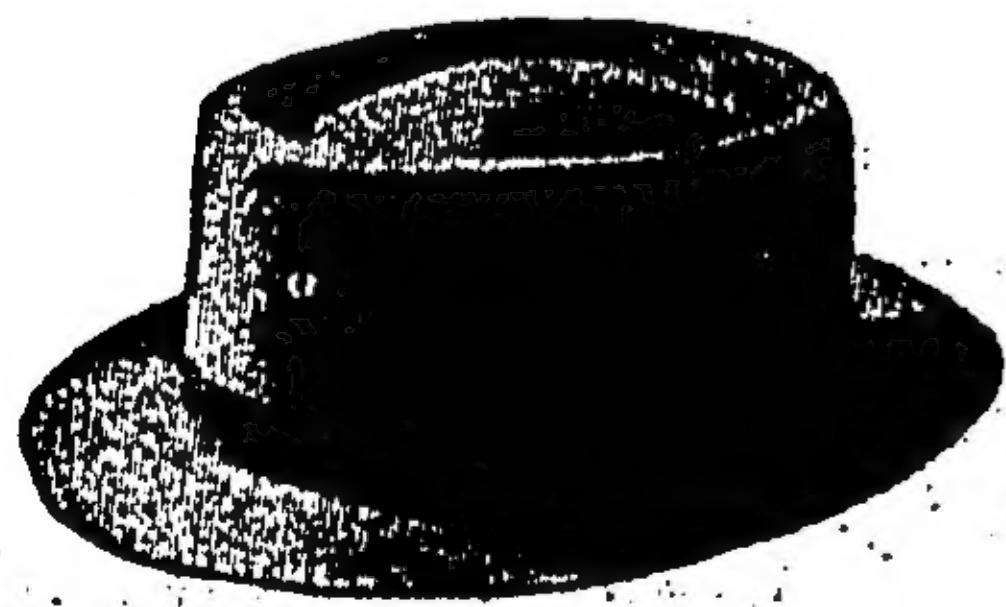


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BULGARIA STORY NOT CONFIRMED

A report, broadcast from New York by the Columbia Broadcasting Corporation, that German troops will march into Bulgaria very shortly is still without confirmation from other sources.

The report said that Bulgaria had accepted a Nazi ultimatum presented by Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop on Saturday.

The Bulgarian press, under German pressure, has been giving a very pro-German view of the war during the past few days, and British successes have been concealed.

Nevertheless, it is felt in London that there is reason to believe that many Bulgarians who remember the last war are not inclined to trust German promises or to yield to German threats.—Reuter.

MOUNTING FEAR OF NAZI BLITZ

(Continued from Page 1)
ed across the seas at a pace that would astonish the masters of the military craft. Usually there is one principal centre for the many inventions. In the Far East it has often been Shanghai, during the Norwegian campaign it was Stockholm, now it is Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia.

Official Bulgarian Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Bulgarian Government officially denies that Germany has presented and Bulgaria accepted an ultimatum demanding the right of transit for German troops.—International News Service.

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BIRTHS

MIDDLETON-SMITH.—On December 28, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Andree, wife of J. Middleton-Smith, a daughter.

DOPSON.—On December 28, 1940, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dopson, a daughter, Vivien Margaret.

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